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COUNCIL MINUTES

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

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Meeting Date: 17th February 2021 Location: Video Conference

Present:

WDPC COUNCILLORS: A Grant (AG) Acting Chair, A Moore (AM), P Dunford (PD), B Evans (BE), S Yeates (SY), A Bruce (AB), B Gayler (BG), S Crick (SC), J Richmond (JR), A Sumners (AS) and J Dale (JD).
Member of the Public: S Freeman
D Kent (Clerk) was in attendance

PUBLIC FORUM

There was no public forum

COUNCIL FORMAL BUSINESS

At the start of the meeting, tributes were paid to Bob Freshwater, who had stood down as Chair and Councillor for West Dean Parish Council after 25 distinguished years of service. The Clerk would write to Bob offering thanks and best wishes.

1.1 Apologies were received from:

S Francis (WDPC)

1.2 Declarations of Interest

None received

1.3 Minutes of the Previous Meeting – The minutes of the meeting of 27th January 2021 were accepted as a true record to be signed by the Chair as soon as is feasible.

1.4 To consider the following motion:

This Council reaffirms its commitment to its climate and biodiversity emergency declarations and confirms that these declarations and ensuing responses are considered to be entirely non-party political.

This motion was amended, as proposed by SY to include a further statement, that the use of the term 'green' should be avoided as it implied support for the Green Party, which was not the intention of any councillor. It was agreed that the use of the word 'green' in describing Council projects or priorities should be replaced by neutral terms such as climate change, biodiversity and environmental issues.

The composite motion was that the motion that this Council reaffirms its commitment to its climate and biodiversity emergency declarations and confirms that these declarations and ensuing responses are entirely non-party political, and that the use of the word 'green' in describing Council projects or priorities should be replaced by neutral terms such as climate change, biodiversity and environmental issues. This motion was approved by Council without opposition.

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm

The next meeting would be held under agreed Council protocols, at 7.00 pm, Wednesday 24th February 2021.