

Upper Deverills Parish Council

Minutes of the extra-ordinary meeting of the Upper Deverills Parish Council held at the village hall Kingston Deverill on Wednesday 28 April 2018 at 6.30pm.

Present: Councillors Richard Cousens (Chair); Bridget Beattie (Vice Chair), Dr David Croot, and Colin Hiron

In attendance: The Parish Clerk Christine Fordham and 1 member of the public.

Public Question Time –

It was reported that the wall at Monkton Deverill Churchyard had been repaired. The PCC were asked to send the Council a copy of the receipted invoice, so that the approved Grant could be released at the May meeting of the Council. It was also reported that the footpath across Woodcombe Farm had been re-instated.

1. **Acceptance of Apologies for Absence (166/17)** Cllr Louise Stratton
2. **Dispensations (167/17)**

No requests had been received

3. **Declarations of Interest (168/17)** None
4. **Exclusion of the Press and Public (169/17)**

No reasons were given to exclude the press and public.

It was agreed that item 7 be taken at this point.

5.Consideration of, and Approval of Annual Governance Statement for the Financial Year 2017/18(170/17)

Councillors noted the Annual Statement of Governance and the explanatory notes. In view of the Council's decision to declare exemption The Council would not be able to take further action until the Internal Audit Report was received.

6.Approval of Accounts and Accounting Statement for 2017/18(171/17)

Councillors noted the draft Statement of Accounts for 2017/18; In view of the Council's decision to declare exemption The Council would not be able to take further action until the Internal Audit Report was received.

7.Consideration of, and approval of Certificate of Exemption from a Limited Assurance Review (Taken after item 4)(172/17)

The Clerk had briefed Councillors that new audit regulations allowed Councils to decide that they did not wish to submit their accounts for limited assurance review if certain conditions were met, namely:

- The authority has been in existence since before 1st April 2014
- In relation to the preceding financial year (2016/17), the external auditor has not:
 - issued a public interest report in respect of the authority or any entity connected with it
 - made a statutory recommendation to the authority, relating to the authority or any entity connected with it
 - issued an advisory notice under paragraph 1(1) of Schedule 8 to the Audit and Accountability Act 2014 ("the Act"), and has not withdrawn the notice
 - commenced judicial review proceedings under section 31(1) of the Act
 - made an application under section 28(1) of the Act for a declaration that an item of account is unlawful, and the application has not been withdrawn nor has the court refused to make the declaration
- The court has not declared an item of account unlawful after a person made an appeal under section 28(3) of the Act. If you are able to confirm that the above statements apply and that the authority neither received

Upper Deverills Parish Council accounts 2017/18 met all of these conditions. On discussion, it was proposed by The Vice Chair, seconded by Cllr Croot that the Council certify itself as exempt from a Limited Assurance Review; all Councillors were in favour and the Certificate of Exemption was duly signed by the Chair and Clerk (RFO).

8. Any Other Business(173/17)

9. Date of next meeting of Upper Deverills Parish Council(174/17)

The next meeting of Upper Deverills Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 9 May at 6.30pm; this meeting will be preceded by the Annual Meeting of the Parish, which commences at 6.00pm.

Date:

Signed:

Chair