

# Broadhembury Parish Council

BPC EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

Platform: ZOOM

13th APRIL 2021 - 7.30pm

## MINUTES

**PRESENT:** Cllrs. B. Nelson (Chairman), Mrs E. Bradshaw (Deputy), V. Game, N. Howgill, C. Ledward, A. Powell, Mrs D. Rees, R. Dunford-Brown, Mrs J. Henderson (Clerk).

Also present were 1 member of the public.

### AGENDA

Before commencing with the Agenda, Cllr Nelson shared a personal memory in tribute to the Duke of Edinburgh.

#### 1 Apologies:

**Resolved:** none received

#### 2 Minutes of the last meeting held on 16th March 2021 (previously circulated)

**Resolved:** that they were a true record of the decisions of the meeting.

Proposed Cllr Bradshaw, seconded Cllr Rees.

#### 3 Declarations of interest:

**Resolved:** noted none given

#### 4 Appointment of Internal Auditor:

The Chair proposed approval of new Internal Auditor - Trudie Jenkins of Bluechip Payroll, sourced and recommended by the Clerk.

**Resolved:** Proposed by the Chair, seconded by Cllr Bradshaw, also put to a vote & agreed by all.

#### 5 Approval of expenditure to resolve HMRC rejection of BNCLT Rule:

The Chair explained that the rejection of BNCLT rules by HMRC, was due to a change in those rules by HMRC without notice, not picked up by the Solicitor until very recently. The Chair had achieved a reduction in the costs being charged by the Solicitor to resolve the issue to £425 + VAT and also corresponded with HMRC enquiring when exactly the rules were changed (no response at this time). The Parish Council would have to shoulder the cost, due to the error occurring while under its charge. Cllr Dunford-Brown questioned whether this was normal procedure for the PC to cover the costs of an error by a Solicitor and Cllr Rees agreed that if this occurred in the Solicitor's 'period of instruction', we should only offer to pay half. Cllr Game queried what we're paying for as not our mistake and Cllr Rees added the Solicitor's would also be insured.

**Resolved:** The Chair will go back to the Solicitor and renegotiate with them to reduce the charge by half. In the event he fails, he then proposes that the provisional cost be agreed. Seconded by Cllr Bradshaw.

#### 6 AOB:

**Resolved:** none received

Meeting adjourned: 7.45pm