

# ST JAMES, ISLE OF GRAIN, PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES

22<sup>nd</sup> OCTOBER 2024

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD  
IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 19:03

**Present:**

Councillor P Blakeley (Chairman)  
Councillor Mrs C Hardingham  
Councillor A G Jones  
Councillor Mrs G Sands  
Councillor T Sands (Vice Chairman)  
Councillor Ms J Sharp  
Councillor Ms von der Holle  
Councillor D Warrington

**In Attendance:**

Mrs Christine Gurr – Parish Clerk

**Recording, filming and broadcasting of the meeting:**

- There were no members of the press and public present.

**Apologies for absence (received and accepted):**

Councillor H Ogunfemi - Work commitment

*(To avoid possible disqualification under the 6-month rule, Councillors must provide a reason for non-attendance)*

**Declarations of disclosable pecuniary Interests (DPIs):**

- A member need only disclose at any meeting the existence of a disclosable pecuniary interest (DPI) in a matter to be considered at that meeting **if** that DPI has not been entered on the disclosable pecuniary interests register maintained by the Monitoring Officer.
- A member disclosing a DPI at a meeting must thereafter notify the Monitoring Officer in writing of that interest within 28 days from the date of disclosure at the meeting.
- A member **may not participate** in a discussion of or vote on any matter in which he or she has a DPI (both those already registered and those disclosed at the meeting) and **must withdraw** from the room during such discussion/vote.
- Members may choose to voluntarily disclose a DPI at a meeting even if it is registered on the council's register of disclosable pecuniary interests but there is no legal requirement to do so.
- Members should also ensure they disclose any other interests which may give rise to a conflict under the council's code of conduct.
- In line with the training provided to members by the Monitoring Officer members with also need to consider bias and pre-determination in certain circumstances and whether they have a conflict of interest or should otherwise leave the room for Code reasons.

**The following DPIs were received:**

- None

*(A Councillor who declares a DPI must withdraw from the room unless a dispensation has been obtained from Medway Council's Monitoring Officer)*



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**19:05 Exclusion of the Press and Public**

*The Parish Council resolved that under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting for the consideration of the following items on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.*

**24.124 Update on BESS Proposal – Whitehouse Farm**

There was a confidential discussion of a potential contract.

**Action/Comments Agreed:**

Actions were agreed on proposition by Councillor Mrs Sands and seconded by Councillor Ms von der Holle.

**24.125 Update Shared Access Upgrade Works – Pavilion Car Park**

There was a confidential discussion of a potential contract.

**Action/Comments Agreed:**

Actions were agreed on proposition by Councillor T Sands and seconded by Councillor Mrs Hardingham.

**19:28** *The meeting was re-opened to the press and public and then closed.*

Signed:

Date: 5/11/2024.