

MINUTES OF THE **SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL** HELD ON  
**WEDNESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> JUNE 2021** AT 6.30 P.M. AT NEWTON'S PLACE, 43  
WOLBOROUGH STREET, NEWTON ABBOT

**PRESENT:**

Councillors M Joyce (Mayor) Presiding  
Mrs C Bunday (Deputy Mayor)

Councillors	P Bullivant	D Howe
	D Corney-Walker	R Jenks
	Mrs K Crout	Mrs A Jones
	C Davieson	C Parker
	A Hall	M Ryan
	R Hayes	Mrs L Sheffield
	M Hocking	

In attendance: Mr P Rowe – Town Clerk  
Ms S Scott – Deputy Town Clerk & RFO  
Mrs A Robinson – Principal Administrator

29. **STANDING ORDER**

Prior to the start of the meeting the Mayor informed Members that since it was a Special Meeting of the Council conducted to consider specific matters of the Council; that under Standing Order item 34 he would suspend that part of the Standing Order 14 where it referred to 'Standing when Speaking' for the duration of the meeting only.

**RESOLVED** that under Standing Order 34 Standing Order 14 where it referred to 'Standing When Speaking' be hereby suspended for the duration of the meeting only.

30. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Ryan Hall, Chris Jenks and Mike Pilkington and Mrs Sally Henley, Town Development Manager.

31. **INTERESTS**

None declared.

32. **ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2020/21**

The Mayor invited the Chairman of the Finance & Audit Committee to report on the Annual Return for 2020/21. The Deputy Clerk provided clarification for Members on the variation on balances and receipts following the completion of the Newton's Place Project and reported that the Internal Auditor had completed the annual audit and assessment, thereby ensuring that the Council met its statutory requirements in approving the Annual Return by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

In accordance with Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 consideration was given to the Annual Governance Statement 2020/21 which formed Section 1 of the Annual Return (previously circulated). Arising from the consideration, it was

**RESOLVED** that Section 1 of the Annual Return, the Annual Governance Statement for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021, be hereby approved; and signed by the Mayor and the Town Clerk and be submitted to PKF Littlejohn LLP.

33. **ACCOUNTING STATEMENT 2020/21**

In accordance with Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 consideration was given to the Accounting Statement 2020/21 which formed Section 2 of the Annual Return (previously circulated). Councillor David Corney-Walker offered his thanks to the Deputy Town Clerk (RFO) on her work to complete the Annual Return, his appreciation was echoed by the Council.

Arising from the consideration, it was;

**RESOLVED** that Section 2 of the Annual Return, the Accounting Statement for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021, be hereby approved; signed by the Mayor and be submitted to PKF Littlejohn LLP.

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Chairman