



Bothenhampton & Walditch
Parish Council since 1886

**MINUTES OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING
held REMOTELY at 10am on 5th August 2020**

Initials:	Invited:
JB	Cllr Jim Basker
CA	Cllr Chris Addis
AL	Cllr Ann Langridge
GS	Cllr Gill Smith
GSt	Cllr Graham Styles
MW	Cllr Martin Warne

Apologies: Cllr Ann Langridge

CLERK'S NOTE

Due to the COVID-19 virus and social distancing requirements this meeting was held remotely using video conferencing software.

The L01-20 Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (coronavirus) (flexibility of local authority and police and crime panel meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020, Regulation 5(2) require that all participants should be able to be seen and heard throughout the meeting and this condition was satisfied.

REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION UNDER SECTION 85(1) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972 requires a member of a Local Authority to attend at least one meeting of the Authority within a six-month consecutive period, in order to avoid being disqualified as a Councillor.

Unfortunately, due to illness, Councillor Dobbs has not been able to attend any Parish Council or Committee meetings since the Main Committee Meeting on 10th February 2020. A formal request has therefore been made for an extension to the six-month rule to be approved in this respect.

The Clerk has received a request to consider approving an extension to the usual six-month attendance rule for Councillor Dobbs, enabling him to remain in office until he is able to resume normal duties.

The Parish Council can only consider approval of any reasons for non-attendance before the end of the relevant six-month period, which will be 10th August 2020.

THE RECOMMENDATION SET DOWN IN THE REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION was considered by Councillors and it was unanimously **AGREED** to approve the Request and Councillor Dobbs will continue to serve as a parish councillor until the council term ends in May 2024.

Clerk and RFO.....5th August 2020