



**Minutes of the Virtual Meeting of Bridgwater Town Council's
Premises Committee
held via video conferencing software Zoom on Thursday 25
February 2021 at 16:30hrs**

Present - Councillors

L Redman - Chair

M Cresswell

G Granter

L Lerry (joined at 16:39hrs)

R Lilley (joined at 16:35hrs)

K Pearce

B Smedley

In Attendance:

David Mears – Town Clerk. There were no members of the public or press present.

PREM2021/01 To receive Apologies for Absence and to approve the reasons given (LGA 1972 s85 (1))

Cllrs Lerry and Lilley are having technical issues joining the meeting.

PREM2021/02 Declarations of interests - Members to declare any interests, including Disclosable Pecuniary Interests they may have in agenda items that accord with the requirements of the Town Council's Code of Conduct and to consider any prior requests from members for Dispensations that accord with Localism Act 2011 s33(b-e) (NB this does not preclude any later declarations)

None declared.

PREM2021/03 Cemeteries Fees – to review the cemeteries fees and to approve the recommended adjustments to take effect from 1 April 2021

An in-depth discussion took place and it was:

RESOLVED - that the charges increase by 50% of the recommended increases from the 1 April 2021. The Town Clerk will look at options to reduce the cost of the memorial benches. Cllrs Cresswell and Lilley asked that it be noted that they voted against the proposal.

PREM2021/04 Cemeteries – to receive an update from the Town Clerk on careless driving at Quantock Road Cemetery, where several memorials and graves have been damaged and to approve the proposed measures.

The Town Clerk gave a presentation containing pictures of damage caused by careless driving.

RESOLVED – to approve the proposed measures and to ensure that notices are displayed in advance of the work on the notice boards within Quantock Road Cemetery.

PREM2021/05 To resolve to exclude members of the press and public –To agree that agenda item PREM2021/06 be dealt with after the public (including the press) have been excluded as publicity would prejudice the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

RESOLVED – that agenda item PREM2021/06 be dealt with after the public (including the press) have been excluded. Councillor Slocombe was invited to remain for confidential session on this occasion.

PREM2021/06 Properties

a) To receive an update on individual tenanted properties

RESOLVED – to note the update.

b) To discuss the request from Somerset County Council to extend the licence on the Town Hall for the COVID-19 testing centre and the terms of the licence

RESOLVED – that the request from Somerset County Council to extend the licence on the Town Hall for the COVID-19 testing centre be approved until September 2021

With no further business the meeting closed at 17:25hrs.

Signed

Date