

## Cheddleton Parish Council

### MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING TO DISCUSS STANDING ORDERS AT CHEDDLETON COMMUNITY CENTRE TUESDAY AT 7.00 PM 16<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025.

#### ATTENDANCE

Chairman -. Councilor M. Ahmad

Councilors'

S. Bagnall, S. Beardmore, M.F. Cunningham, A. Grocott, G. Grocott, K. Grocott, K. Harvey, C. Lovatt, S. Rogers, L. Shaw, T. Williamson.

Clerk - V B Cornes.

The meeting was attended by several members of the public.

1. **APOLOGIES** - Apologies were received from Councilors, V.L. Salt, & O Pointon and M.P. Worthington and it was resolved to accept these.
2. **OVERVIEW OF THE NEW NALC MODEL** – Councilor Cornes explained that most Councils were now adopting the NALC models for policy and procedure, as they were more specific, contained up to date legislation, and could easily be customized to suit each council, she pointed out that the bold print in the model Standing Orders were written into law and could not be changed. Councilor Harvey asked why we needed to change the current standing orders and was told that they were no longer fit for purpose because of changes in legislation.
3. **SECTION 2e, f and g RULES FOR PUBLIC SPEAKING** – the Chairman asked for 3-days written notice of questions from the public. This would save time because answers could then be given at the meeting and it would not be necessary for the Member of the Public to attend the meeting unless they wished to the council also decided that public members should be given no more than 5 minutes to discuss each question.

. At this point the Councilors made the decision to go through the document page by page in order to address all issues.
4. **LENGTH OF MEETINGS-** See agenda item 6,
5. **5d, TIME RESTRAINTS FOR EXTRAORDINARY MEETINGS-** See agenda item 6.
6. **AMENDMENTS SUGGESTED BY COUNCILLIORS PRESENT** – Section 1[t]. The Council voted by a show of hands, 9-1 in favour of a time limit of 5 minutes for a Councilor to speak.

Section 2 [g]. Councilors agreed that an individual member of the public cannot speak for more than five minutes,

Section 2 [s]. Councilors voted by a show of hands against recording votes for and against any question by a minority of 3-6.

Section 3[x]. Councilors voted by a show of hands 7-2 in favour of meetings lasting a maximum of two hours, However, the Chair can ask the Committee to stay. If, however, the Committee does not wish to stay, another meeting will be convened to deal with unfinished business.

Section 5 [c and d]. The Council decided to delete ‘sub-committees’ from these items.

Section 5 [d]. The chair must call an extraordinary meeting within 5 days of being requested to do so by 2 members,

Section 7[a]. Where more than two persons have been nominated for a post, votes will be taken and the person with the least number of votes will be struck off the list. A fresh vote will be taken. The process shall continue until a majority of votes are in favour of one person. Councilors voted by a show of hands, 7-2 in favour of this.

Section 9 [b]. No motion will be moved at a meeting unless it is on the agenda and the mover has given the Proper Officer at least 7 clear days' notice,

Councilors voted by a show of hands 7-2 in favour of this.

Section 9[d]. If the Proper Officer considers that a motion is not clear in meaning, it will be rejected until the mover resubmits it so that it can be clearly understood, this must be submitted 7 clear days before the meeting, Councilors voted by a show of hands 7-2 in favour of this.

Section 18[v]. The Councilors agreed to lower the contract value figure from £60k £25k.

Councilor Rogers pointed out that item 18[c] was missing from the document and it was agreed to look at the model document to clarify,

Section 20[b], it was agreed that the figure of £25k should be confirmed by the Clerk.

Section 23[c], Cheddleton Parish council does not have a common seal and it was resolved to remove this section, it was noted that the document contained typing and grammar errors which also needed to be addressed, Councilor Rogers offered to help with that,

**ACTION – COUNCILOR ROGERS AND CORNES TO MAKE AMENDMENTS  
AND PUT THE DOCUMENT ON THE AGENDA FOR THE NEXT COUNCIL  
MEETING.**

**7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS -No other business was discussed.**