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PART 2 CONFIDENTIAL Minutes of the Meeting of Borough Green Parish Council held in Borough Green Village Hall on Monday 2nd August 2021 The meeting was recorded to ensure the accuracy of the minutes
Present: Cllrs Taylor (Chairman), Cllrs Shaw, Wray, Perry, Redrup, Ramsden, Simpson, Crawley, & the Clerk. Cllr Rayner (KCC) and Cllr Palmer (TMBC) were present, but no Members of the Public in attendance

MEETING OPENED UNDER Part 2 Exclusion of Public and Press: Pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Chairman to move that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of any item.

Cllr Perry & A25 Hedge Dispute

Chairman reported to members that 11 Standards Complaints had been lodged with the Monitoring Officer following Cllr Perry's confession during Part 2 of the July meeting that he was the anonymous member who had contacted Ms Barton and/or her legal team as mentioned in BDB's settlement letter.

Chairman moved a vote of No Confidence in Councillor Perry and that he should resign, seconded Cllr Crawley Chairman gave Cllr Perry the right to respond. Cllr Perry accused members of bullying him and that they were all liable to Standards proceedings.

Cllrs Redrup and Crawley left the meeting (1940), Cllrs Wray and Ramsden abstained, Cllr Ramsden left the meeting. Cllr Reading advised he would stay for the Rec Revamp discussion, and then leave (2100).
Vote of No Confidence in Cllr Perry **AGREED**

Several members expressed their concern that Cllr Perry's statement had been bullying and intimidating. Chairman reminded Cllr Perry that under our Standing Orders Cllr Perry could only speak with the Chairman's express permission, deviation from that would be deemed disruptive, and Cllr Perry would be expelled from that meeting. Cllr Perry was of course entitled to make submissions in writing, provided they complied with the rules, and that he had a second to any motion.

Chairman noted that Cllr Perry had accused him directly, and asked members if they wished to propose a vote of No Confidence in the Chairman. No such proposal was made - Dismissed

Clerk set out the financial implications of the A25 hedge dispute, that after discussions with BDB via Warners Barton's costs had been agreed at £19000, a reduction from the demanded £23,000, and significantly less than the cost of challenging the costs in Court. Chairman proposed ratification of £19,000 payment to BDB/Barton - **AGREED**. Cllr Perry abstained.

Cllr Sandra Gould Chairman advised that Cllr Gould wanted to resign, but she was granted the privilege of remaining in office until she could attend and resign in person, but would stand down if a request for co-option was received in the meantime. In view of her length of dedicated service - **AGREED**

2000 hrs CHAIRMAN TO MOVE INTO PUBLIC SESSION

2140 hrs CHAIRMAN RETURNED TO PART 2 SESSION 5 Members remaining

Clerk's Annual Appraisal

Chairman read his proposed report for the Clerk's appraisal:
Bernie is an exemplary Clerk. He inherited accounts and systems that were not in the best order, compounded by my own amateur effort in 2019/20. He has digitised the accounts, working closely with Internal Auditor, to the point where we are likely to achieve a 100% approval this year.

Bernie has a great ability with people, which he has demonstrated by building the staff into a team, and working closely both with my fellow Councillors and members of the public, engendering a spirit of friendship and community. He can also be firm when matters require a more focussed approach, and he has also developed close relationships with KALC and TMBC.

I would have no hesitation in recommending to the PC that we agree a salary increase to LC2 30, back dated to April the first. (£32,878 pa). Proposed - Chairman, Sec Cllr Shaw - **AGREED**

LONDON RD PROPERTIES Chairman reported he had asked Kings Estate Agents to provide valuations on the 4 London Rd properties, the 3 pieces of amenity land, and the Public Toilets **Cllr Perry left 2150**

MOTO HGV Park proposal discussion deferred to next meeting
Chairman closed the meeting at 2200