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PART 2 Minutes

111 **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 remainder of the meeting during consideration of any item. Members are reminded that any release of information from a Part 2 discussion is contrary to the Standards Code and an offence under the above Public Bodies Act.

1. A resident has contacted the Parish Council on a variety of issues over several years, escalating since the middle of 2020. Each issue has been discussed in detail by the Council, but no reasons have been found to change the various decisions reached over time.

This has recently risen to complaints and emails about the Chairman to the Clerk, complaints about various groups of councillors to other councillors and/or the Clerk, and complaints jumping between the various issues. Finally a complaint was made to the Chairman about the Clerk. Members and the TMBC Monitoring Officer have been kept informed. Several offers have been made to take matters forward if a clear complaint was made, but no such clarification has been received. The latest complaint was withdrawn at the last moment, but transparency demands the issue is still tabled and discussed.

The complainant has at various times been offered a copy of the Standards Complaint form, advice on proceeding with a complaint against Staff, and has received offers to meet, perhaps with a mediator. Members decided one more effort to meet with another uninvolved member would be made.

2. A25 Legal Matters - final invoice from Warners paid. Because various investigations are in progress, the whole issue must remain confidential for now, but the Clerk has prepared a release for that eventuality.

3. Asset Values circulated. Chairman agreed to recirculate the details of the Lendon Rd Plots. The plots do have a value each between £9-11K, but are a liability regarding trees, fencing and riparian issues, and the revenue is only about £20 pa per property. Some householder might struggle to pay the market value, and the Council has a duty to maximise the return from any asset. Cllr Perry suggested a fair way forward would be to offer the plots to the householders at a nominal £1 fee, but with a 100% overage meaning the current market value would be repaid to the Parish Council in the event of any sale. Members agreed this was an excellent solution, and the Chairman would seek advice from Michael Smith at Warners.

4. Fencing Quotes. Chairman recently met Southern Counties Fencing on site at the Isles Quarry East PROW to assess the fencing on the IQE boundary because it is derelict, and adjacent to the quarry edge. SCF's quote for 100 mtrs Reinforced stock fencing with steel posts at £1800 was accepted, plus £580 for repairs to chestnut paling fence and posts. - AGREED

Note Reynolds were also invited to attend, and perhaps obtain a quote which is derelict and collapsing onto the PROW, although there is no safety issue.

SCF had also tendered £10198 for the Rec Play Area Fencing, with apx £500 for a self closing gate. The Revamp group were advised about this, but a very similar quote was received from another fencing company. Whilst this Committee does not have to comply with the same rigorous financial rules as the PC, there could appear to be a conflict of interest.

So whilst the PC accept SCF's quote bona fide, we will also seek other quotes.

Chairman closed the meeting at 1028hrs

