

Council members,  
Cllr J Whittaker (Chairman), Cllr Mrs C Finch, Cllr Mrs P Garner, Cllr M Harm,  
Cllr T Mitchell, Cllr D Stewart MBE (Vice Chairman), Cllr Mrs R Whittaker, Cllr D Woods.

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021

No formal clerk present. Clerking function undertaken by Chair.

### **COVID-19 NOTICE**

Government has legislated that as of 4th April 2020, Town Council meetings can now be held remotely via online video technology, to enable self-isolation and health and safety guidance to be adhered to during the COVID-19 pandemic. Epworth Town Council has chosen to use “zoom”

**Public Participation session:** In normal circumstances members of the public are welcome to address the meeting during public participation at 7pm; whilst Epworth Town Council supports the rights of people to do this, during the current covid-19 crisis, for health and safety reasons, and to ensure physical isolation guidance can be followed, meetings will be held digitally, via on-line technology: None present.

**01.01.21 To record the Names of Members, Present.** Cllr. J Whittaker presiding  
Cllrs: Finch, Harm, Whittaker & Woods.

**02.01.21 Apologies for absence** were received from Cllr T Mitchell and Cllr Garner.

**03.01.21 To receive Declarations of Interest by any member of the Council** in respect of the agenda items listed below. Members declaring interests should identify the agenda item and type of interest being declared. (*Localism Act 2011 Code of Conduct*).  
None declared.

**04.01.21 To note dispensations** given to any member in respect to items on the agenda (*Localism Act 2011 and the Code of Conduct*). None requested.

**05.01.21 To list:** items for facebook. None.

**06.01.21 Questions to the Chairman:** (*Items of immediate urgency that must be acknowledged before the next meeting and have not been included on the Agenda*). No issues were raised.

**07.01.21 To confirm the date and time of the next monthly meeting as** (*Tuesday February 2nd, 2021*).

**08.01.21 In view of the confidential nature of the business concerning members of staff or legal issues about to be transacted, it is advisable and in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they are asked to withdraw under the terms of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and of Standing Orders. THE COUNCIL MAY RESOLVE to exclude members of the press and public for the following agenda items:**

- (a) **To interview for the relief Clerk position:** Cllrs interviewed the only applicant.
- (b) **To consider and resolve whether to offer** the job of relief Clerk to the applicant. Proposed by Cllr J Whittaker and seconded by Cllr Harm and **RESOLVED** to offer the applicant the job of relief Clerk for immediate start, subject to satisfactory references.

**To record the closure of the meeting.**

JW 11.01.21.