

# LITTLE BOLLINGTON PARISH MEETING

Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 28 August 2021 at 7.00pm  
at Spode Cottage, Little Bollington

## 1. PRESENT & APOLOGIES

### Present:

LBPM Officers Mike Reed (Clerk)

Spode Green Lane Giselle & Mike Rusted

**Apologies:** Paul Amphlett (Chair), Andy & Gail Blackburn, Joe & Rosemary Bowdon

## 2. PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous Parish Meeting were deferred to the next meeting when a larger attendance is expected.

## 3. ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2019-20

The annual accounts, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, were considered and discussed. The accounts were approved unanimously.

There was some discussion of the Neighbourhood Plan and the remaining work required. In March 2020 the work of overseeing the final stages had been taken up by Ross McNab after the resignation of Kirsty Mann due to illness. Cheshire East Council (CEC) then advised, at a very late stage after submission of the documentation, that a Parish Meeting is not legally entitled to submit a Neighbourhood Plan. This advice was received despite CEC having advised the Parish Meeting in great detail how to prepare and submit a Neighbourhood Plan. CEC advised that a Neighbourhood Forum be established to submit the Neighbourhood Plan. Ross McNab agreed to do this, but has now advised that he is unable to take on this work due to extremely demanding work commitments.

## 4. INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT

The internal audit report was considered by the meeting. The internal audit had been undertaken by Peter Whitworth FCCA. The meeting expressed their thanks to Peter for his diligent undertaking of this task. The audit report was unanimously accepted by the meeting.

## 5. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN 2019-20

### 5a Certificate of Exemption

The meeting considered the Certificate of Exemption which had been circulated in advance. The meeting unanimously approved the Certificate of Exemption.

### 5b Annual Governance Statement

The Annual Governance Statement was presented to the meeting, having been circulated in advance. The meeting considered the statement. Approval of the Governance Statement was agreed unanimously by the meeting.

### 5c Accounting Statements

The Accounting Statements had been checked and agreed by the internal auditor, Peter Whitworth, and signed by the Chair, Paul Amphlett. They had been circulated in advance and were now presented to the meeting, which considered the statements. Approval of the Accounting Statements was agreed unanimously by the meeting.

## 6. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business. The meeting was closed at 7.45pm.