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Present Cllr Edwards, Cllr Yates, Cllr Simmonds, Cllr Long, & Cllr Bridges

In the absence of Cllr Hockin, Cllr Edwards proposed Cllr Yates chair the meeting. Seconded by Cllr Simmonds. All in Favour.

16.01 Apologies – Cllr Hockin, Cllr Smith & Cllr Bright.

16.02 Declarations of Interest – None declared.

16.03 Public Participation – one members of the public present.

One member of the public attended in reference to planning application PA23/10067 for Geothermal Power Plant at Slaughterbridge. They are representing 'Slaughterbridge against the Power Plant'. They gave the councillors a document detailing the geothermal queries not resolved by the company to their satisfaction. They outlined the content of the document to the councillors. Including the company website indicates they are looking for lithium. 300 lorries removing the spoil, lagoon to capture water excess, and it is likely to be 2-year project with 24 hour drilling.

16.04 Planning – To consider planning applications received – none received.

16.05 To consider other planning applications received by time of meeting. – none received

16.06 Staffing

(Pursuant to section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public and press are not invited to attend)

Cllr Simmonds proposed the council go into closed session. Seconded by Cllr Long. All in favour.

To review the Role, Scope and Remuneration of Street Warden – the role is to collect litter from the car park and depend on time of year collect litter from the harbour area. Cllr Yates has contact and checks to see if they need anything. The clerk confirmed to the council the minimum wage paid to the street warden would increase from 1st April by £1.04. The council asked the clerk to write a letter of thanks to them for their commitment and for going over and above what is expected.

To review the Role, Scope and Remuneration of Parish Clerk – the staffing group have identified that the role of the clerk has changed significantly since the job description was written in 2011. The new appraisal process was discussed, and a couple of minor amendments needed. Clerk agreed to accept a new/revised job description. The clerk explained the local council pay scales for clerks and how the pay scales reflected the different clerking roles. The Clerk agreed to attend code of conduct refresher training and social media training in a hands-on manner.

Cllr Yates proposed remuneration be deferred to another meeting to give the working group time to review the pay scales for clerks. Seconded by Cllr Edwards. All in favour.

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16.07 Agenda items for next meeting

Performance Management

- Procedure review
- Clerk Remuneration

Annual Governance

With no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.34pm

Date of next monthly meeting Thursday 11th April 2024 in the Village Hall

Adrian Prescott (Clerk)

Signed Chairman... 