

Appendix to the Parish Council Standing Orders

for adoption 1 April 2020

Legality of Virtual Meetings during the Coronavirus Pandemic

In line with the Coronavirus Act 2020 the Parish Council will hold meetings as necessary during this period in line with the Coronavirus Act 2020 clause 78, reproduced below.

Clause 78 Local authority meetings

(1)The relevant national authority may by regulations make provision relating to—

- (a) requirements to hold local authority meetings;
- (b) the times at or by which, periods within which, or frequency with which, local authority meetings are to be held;
- (c) the places at which local authority meetings are to be held;
- (d) the manner in which persons may attend, speak at, vote in, or otherwise participate in, local authority meetings;
- (e) public admission and access to local authority meetings;
- (f) the places at which, and manner in which, documents relating to local authority meetings are to be open to inspection by, or otherwise available to, members of the public.

2)The provision which may be made by virtue of subsection (1)(d) includes in particular **provision for persons to attend, speak at, vote in, or otherwise participate in, local authority meetings without all of the persons, or without any of the persons, being together in the same place.**

(3)The regulations may make provision only in relation to local authority meetings required to be held, or held, **before 7 May 2021.**



Signed _____

Chair Stephen Mansfield

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