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I hereby give you notice that you are summoned to attend the Full Parish Council meeting on Friday 15th March 2023 at 11.20am at Sparkes Pavilion when it is proposed to transact the following business.

Signed

Kamala Williamson

- 1. Chairman's welcome to the meeting.**
- 2. To receive and accept apologies** and reasons for absence in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 S 85 (1).
- 3. Disclosure of Interests**
In accordance with the Localism Act 2011 to receive any disclosure by Members of personal interests in matters on the agenda, the nature of the interest and whether the member regards the interest as prejudicial under the terms of the Revised Code of Members Conduct.
To consider granting any dispensations.

Any changes to register of interests should be notified to the clerk.
- 4. Business to be transacted.**
 - a) To request for approval that Councillor Sheila Collins is granted permission to be absent from all Council and committee meetings for 7 months due to ill health.

Circulation to all Councillors.

In accordance with The Data Protection Act 2018 all attendees of the meeting are hereby notified that the meeting will be recorded as an aide memoire for the clerk when compiling the minutes. The recordings are held securely and are deleted after the resolution that the minutes are a true and correct record.

Members of the public should be aware that being present at a meeting of the Council or one of its committees or sub-committees will be deemed as the person having given consent to being recorded (photograph, film or audio recording) at the meeting, by any person present. A person or persons recording the parish meeting are reminded that the "Public Session" period may not be part of the formal meeting and that they should take legal advice for themselves as to their rights to make any recording during that period.

SIX MONTH ATTENDANCE RULE S85 (1) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

Briefing for cllrs.

Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972 requires a Member of a Local Authority to attend at least one meeting of that Authority within a six-month consecutive period, unless permission for the absence is granted by the Authority in advance, in order to avoid being disqualified as a Councillor. Without advance permission to be absent, loss of office is automatic, unless their absence was due to some reason approved by the council (s,85(1) and (2) and permission cannot be granted retrospectively.

This report requests that Councillor Sheila Collins is granted permission to be absent from Council meetings for 7 months.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that: The absence of Councillor Sheila Collins from all Council and Committee Meetings be authorised and approved for the seven months (to 15th October 2024), pursuant to Section 85 (1) of the Local Government Act 1972.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972 requires a Member of a Local Authority to attend at least one meeting of that Authority within a six-month consecutive period, unless permission for the absence is granted by the Authority in advance, in order to avoid being disqualified as a Councillor. Councillor Sheila Collins has been unable to attend meetings due to ill health.

The proposal in this report is made to avoid Councillor Sheila Collins being disqualified from office for non-attendance during a period of ill health. Agreeing to the waiver over a different time period is an option that Members may wish to consider.

If the recommendation set out in this report is not approved Councillor Sheila Collins would become disqualified due to the six month non attendance rule as she will be unable to attend a meeting before 21st March 2024. Approval of continuing absence is allowed under Section 85 (1) of the Local Government Act 1972.