



**Minutes of the Extraordinary Full Council meeting of Bearsted Parish Council held at King George Memorial Hall on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 7.30pm**

Present:	Cllr David Hall - Chairman	Cllr Pat Marshall MBE
	Cllr Clive English	Cllr Graeme Hannington
	Cllr Richard Ash MBE	Cllr Carolyn Smith
	Cllr Denis Spooner	

Also in attendance was the Administrator Amy Bush and 2 members of the public.

**Reports from members of the public**

A member of the public spoke to highlight the reasons a legal letter from Weightmans was issued to Bearsted Parish Council.

**1. Declarations of intention to record**

The administrator declared she was recording for minuting purposes.

**2. Apologies and absences**

Apologies were received and accepted by unanimous vote for the following Councillors: Cllr Peters, Cllr Rowe, Cllr Jagger and Cllr Harris.

**3. Declaration of Interests, Dispensations, Predetermination, or Lobbying**

None were declared.

**4. Weightmans LLP Solicitor Letter.**

To consider the legal request from Weightmans LLP solicitors and legal advice provided to the proper officer and the then Chairman.

Councillors voted with all in favour to accept the Wightmans interpretation of Section 85.1 of the Local Government act 1972 and resolved that the following 3 actions would be taken:

1. To record and advertise that a casual vacancy has arisen because of the disqualification of Cllr F. Hughes.
2. To send a letter thanking former Cllr F. Hughes explaining the reasons and regret that she became disqualified on 27 October 2022.
3. To ensure that a situation such as this does not occur in the future BPC will review all of its Standing Orders and policies

**There being no further business to transact, the meeting closed at 20.02 hrs**

**Signed..... Date.....**