

STILLINGFLEET PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL 8 NOVEMBER 2024

24042 **Welcome and Apologies:**

The Chair welcomed all present to the meeting as follows:

Councillors – Juan Brooks, John Cook, Lesley Collingridge, Jonathan Foy, Annette Strickland, Richard Daniel, Nigel Kemp, Joanne Sears

Clerk – Ruth Swales

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Powell.

There were no members of the public present

24043 **Complaint:**

- i.) Council received two complaints that have been lodged with the Parish Council in which the complainants:
 - expressed their dissatisfaction with the conduct of the Council due to its alleged failure to meet the expected standard of service
 - alleged that the Parish Council failed to comply with the required policies and procedures for undertaking work to a tree in a conservation area.
- ii.) Council noted that one of the complainants had also advised he intended to lodge his complaint with the Monitoring Officer alleging a particular Councillor failed to comply with the Councillors' Code of Conduct. The Council recognised that this aspect is not covered by the Parish Council's Complaints procedure and falls within the Monitoring Officers' jurisdiction.

24044 **Appointment of a Complaint Committee:**

- i.) In accordance with the Council's Complaints Procedure, Council **RESOLVED** to appoint Cllrs Foy, Strickland and Collingridge to a committee which will have full delegated power to continue handling the complaints and bring them to a conclusion.
- ii.) Council **RESOLVED** that Cllr Foy will be the Chairman of the Complaint Committee.
- iii.) Council agreed that the Complaint Committee will meet to further its objective during the first week of December.

Signed as an accurate record of the meeting held on 8 November 2024	John Cook VICE-CHAIR	12 December 2024
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