Redmarley Parish Council

MINUTES of the ADDITIONAL ORDINARY MEETING OF REDMARLEY PARISH COUNCIL held on Wednesday 26th June 2024 at 7pm at Redmarley Village Hall

MINUTES

Present: Cllr Jeff Wheeler (Chair), Cllr Mark Johnson Cllr Mike Holtom, Cllr Neil Goodall and Cllr Vicky Goodall. (All will be referred to by their initials)

In Attendance: Leo Williams (Clerk), two members of the public (MoP). The meeting started at 7.00pm.

20. **Apologies for Absence**
Received from Cllr Josh Wheeler,

21. **Declarations of Interest**
None. JW explained that he had opted against involvement in this matter at the May meeting to avoid any potential conflict with his work role. It was apparent that his expert knowledge was vital and, as the matter does not involve a current Public Right of Way, there is no conflict of interests.

22. **Use of Private Land**
MJ drew attention to a briefing document that he had previously shared, including with the landowner. There was clear evidence of an historic Public Footpath on older maps. JW provided background on how the "Definitive Map" came to be in the 1950s and talked about the Defra "Project 31" exercise, to formally reinstate some historic Public Footpaths. The landowner was given dispensation to speak and described three main issues: (i) Misuse of the field, including by commercial dog walkers; (ii) Walkers not sticking to the routes of historic paths, and (iii) Consequential inability to use the field for livestock. After debate MJ proposed that the decision made at Minute 16.3 on 22nd May 2024 should be rescinded. The motioned was seconded by NG and was **carried** unanimously. The members and clerk undertook to continue to consult with the landowner to work towards mutually satisfactory outcomes.

23. **Finance**
It was **resolved** that invoices totalling £768.00 should be paid to T. Sharpe in respect of tasks carried out between 11th December 2023 and 28th May 2024.

24. **Independent Internal Audit**
(i) The Annual Internal Audit Report was **received**.

(ii) The Annual Governance Statement for the year ended 31 March 2024 was **approved** before being signed by the chairman and clerk.

(iii) The Accounting Statements for 2023/24 were **confirmed** before being signed by the chairman and clerk.

25. **Asset Register**
The review of the Asset Register will take place at the July meeting.

26. **Next Meeting**
The next Ordinary Meeting will be at 7.00pm on Wednesday 31st July 2024 at Redmarley Village Hall.

The meeting ended at 8.05pm.

Signed: **Date:**