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**COVINGHAM**  
PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on:

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

At 7pm in the Small Hall at St Paul's Church and Community Centre, Covingham

**Present:** Cllrs Bacon, Bates, Curtis (Chair), Hawkes, May, Ricketts, Walker, Wichall

**Also in attendance:** Laura Evans (Clerk)

**1. Apologies**

No apologies were received.

**2. Declaration of Interests**

Cllr Curtis reminded Members that they should declare any known interests in any matter to be considered at the beginning of the meeting and during the meeting if it becomes apparent that they have an interest in the matters being discussed.

**3. Limited Assurance Review**

It was **resolved** to approve and sign:

- a) Annual Governance Statement 2022/23
- b) Accounting Statements 2022/23

**4. Trees for Climate**

To discuss the locations suggested by the Trees For Climate Officer.

**Resolved:** The meeting agreed that the suggestions made were suitable in principle but agreed that a consultation should be held with residents before proceeding further. To be able to hold the consultations further details are required from the Trees For Climate Officer in regards to the number of and species of tree.

**Action - Clerk**

Due to the continued delay of the request to extend the area of the lease for Covingham Park submitted by the Parish Council to SBC in 2018, Cllr Curtis had raised concerns with the Trees For Climate Officer as approval may be required from the Borough.

The concerns raised were further compounded by an email received from SBC on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2023, regarding the status of the Covingham Park Lease extension:

*"Regarding the Parish request to take a lease of areas were identified as part of the call for sites for the SHEELA, Officers do not have an authority from the Lead Member to enter into a Lease for these areas. As you will appreciate there is a need to wait until the outcome of the elections in May and the appointment of a new cabinet before being able to seek further guidance."*

The Meeting agreed that the decision would be formally challenged after the upcoming election and question why the delay and apparent refusal by what is believed to be one of the Covingham and Dorcan Ward Councillors.

**5. Matters for consideration**

No matters for consideration were raised.

The meeting closed at 7:28pm

Signed.....Date.....