

**MINUTES OF EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF EAST WOODHAY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**07 July 2020**  
**HELD VIRTUALLY USING ZOOM.APP**  
**18.30**

**Chairman:** Cllr Paul Hurst (Chair)

**Present:** Councillors Mr M Rand, Mr P Jarvis, Mr A Watson, Mr G Dick (Cllr S Cooper tried to join but had technical difficulties)

**Clerk:** Amy White

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**Item 1: Apologies**

**23/20** Apologies from Cllr Mitchell who was at a family event.

**Item 2: Declarations of Interest**

**24/20** None.

**Item 3: To agree EWPC's response to the possible ending of the agreement for North Hants residents to use Newtown Road Recycling Centre**

The councillors discussed the news received that the agreement between HCC and West Berks for HCC to subsidise North Hants residents' use of the Newtown Road Recycling Centre is to end. It is clear that the local community feel strongly against this decision and the Councillors discussed how to support the community.

It is currently unclear how the decision has been made and the facts surrounding it.

**Actions:**

- For Cllr Mitchell, on behalf of EWPC to submit a Freedom of Information request to West Berks Council, to find out whether West Berks was involved in the decision to end the agreement. Cllr Dick will assist with the wording of this.
- Clerk to encourage East Woodhay and neighbouring parishes to sign the petition (created by a parishioner). For the petition to be promoted on Facebook, website.
- For EWPC to agree a position statement, to share with the Parish, Newbury Weekly News and HCC.
- For EWPC and neighbouring parishes (Highclere, Burghclere, Ashmansworth) to work together to agree an action plan. Cllr Mitchell will lead on this.

The meeting finished at 19:10.

