CHELMER VILLAGE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 19TH SEPTEMBER 2023 AT

SPRINGFIELD PARISH CENTRE CM1 6GX 7.15 PM

PRESENT Cllr S. Sullivan - Chairman

 Cllr S. Byrne-Lagrue - Vice-Chairman

Cllrs A Chong S. King, E. Nnadi, Y.Spence,

Absent: Cllr R. Stringer.

In attendance: Clerk to the Council , RFO & Deputy Clerk to the Council and

One member of public.

**23** DECLARATIONS OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

To note that L. Wollner did not sign their declaration within adequate timescale and is therefore not a member of the Council.

**RESOLVED:** the information is noted

**24** APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE –Received from Cllr E.Nnadi .

**25** MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING held on 4th July 2023.

**RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the meeting were approved and signed as a correct record.

**26** DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS - there were none.

**27** PUBLIC QUESTION TIME- there were none.

**28** CO- OPTION OF MEMBERS

Two interests for co-option onto the council had been received. One of those applicants were in attendance.

 **RESOLVED:** ThatMr. Duncan Lumley be co-opted onto the Council.

**29** **ANNUAL AUDIT**:

SAAA is an external audit appointment for Chelmer Village Council. It gives the Council the opportunity to ‘opt-out’  of the appointment process undertaken by Government.   It is not advisable for the Council to opt-out of the appointment made by government as it will then need to adopt and form its own procurement process. Members are advised that they will be included into the SAAA scheme unless they decide to opt-out.

 **RESOLVED:** That the council will not opt out.

**30** **PARISH EMBLEM**

 Members considered the development of a parish emblem .

**RESOLVED:** Members agreed to contact to the local schools to arrange a competition for the parish emblem with the following criteria:

* + 1. Entries will show items of historical interest related to the area.
		2. Hexagon shape would be used.
		3. Must be able to reproduce in both black and white and colour.
		4. Must contain the words Chelmer Parish.
		5. Closing date will be 30th November 2023.
		6. Winning prize provided will be book tokens.

**31** **UPDATES ON THE ASSET TRANSFER**

 Springfield Parish members are holding a meeting on 25/09/2023 to discuss.

**RESOLVED**: It is noted that discussion on the Council precept and how finance may be distributed will be considered following discussion with the Springfield Parish Council.

Meeting closed at 7.50 p.m.

Cllr S. Sullivan

Signed…………………………………………… Date………………………………