

Agenda item 1

For decision - To delegate to the Town Clerk any decisions made informally by Frome Town Council and its three committees until further notice

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The Chair will read out this statement at the start of the meeting:

*“We want to make our council and committee meetings available to as many people as possible, regardless of where they are - virtually or in person.*

*“We’re still getting used to having meetings with people both on person and those zooming in, so please bear with us if it feels a crunchy at times.*

*“These hybrid meetings will, technically, be informal because the Government has not brought forward legislation to enable us to continue to operate virtually. But, we will run them as if they were formal; they have been advertised and as you can see we still have agendas and reports, discussion and votes, and minutes will be taken.*

*“Legally, only the Cllrs present in person will be able to vote which is a bit exclusive and unsatisfactory, so to ensure all Cllrs can vote we have to delegate to our Town Clerk, Paul Wynne, to carry out the informal decisions made by Cllrs tonight and at future Council and committee meetings. Otherwise, we’ll be running the meeting in the usual way with everyone chipping in as we go along.*

*“So, I would like to propose that until further notice, Paul Wynne our Town Clerk has delegated authority to implement the informal decisions taken by this Council and its committees. Do I have a seconder from those Cllrs in the room tonight?”*

**Recommendation**

Delegate to the Town Clerk to implement the decisions made informally by this Council and its committees until further notice.