COUND PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF EXTRAORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Held on 29 June 2023 at The Guildhall, Cound

Present: Councillors S James (Chair), R Davies, S Green, J Hall, T Roberts, R Sartain, M Smith

Minute Taker: Simon James

26.23 Apologies for Absence

Councillors S Scott and K Symonds

27.23 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

- a) No disclosable pecuniary interests were declared
- b) There were no applications for a dispensation regarding disclosable pecuniary interests

28.23 To consider the information available regarding the LGBCE's Shropshire Boundary Review and the subsequent public consultation

The Parish Council discussed the recommendations from the consultation document.

29.23 To consider and finalise Cound Parish Council's response to the consultation

The following was distilled from the discussion, agreed unanimously and submitted to the Local Government Boundary Commission consultation at 8.00pm.

"Cound Parish is a rural community, made up of small villages, hamlets, rural businesses and farmsteads. This is very different to the look, feel and needs of a suburban environment such as Bayston Hill. Given this is purely a numbers exercise there is little rationale of splitting historic community links to neighbouring villages, where our schools, doctors, amenities and local newsletter and support groups reside.

We want our needs to be understood and represented by a ward Councillor that has empathy with the rural community. We see no positive outcome of being represented by an urban/suburban Ward Councillor. The issues of an urban/suburban parish would dominate any discussions and engage most of the Councillors time, leaving the rural parishes without a voice.

We would only be happy if integrated into a rural ward as unanimously agreed at our Parish Council meeting."

30.23 Date of next meeting

Thursday 20 July 2023 at 7.30pm at Cound Moor Village Hall

The Chairman thanked everybody for attending and the meeting closed at 8.07pm.

Signed	by Chairman:		Date:	20 July 2023
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