

SOMERTON PARISH COUNCIL
NOTICE OF A SPECIAL MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 24TH JANUARY 2022
AT THE VILLAGE HALL, COTTAGE ROAD, SOMERTON AT 7.00 P.M.

Parish Councillors you are summoned to attend the above Parish Council
Gill Lack
Clerk
17th January 2022

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Declarations of Interest in items on the Agenda
MOTION to suspend the meeting for comments from the public 15 minutes allowed
Reopening of the meeting
3. Question and answer session between members of the Parish Council and parties to the complaint.
MOTION to exclude the public from the meeting under the Data Protection Act 1998 to consider a complaint against the council

Details of the complaint:

In regard to the Parish Council meeting of 2nd November 2021, item 11 of the agenda. My complaint is that the Chairman stated that the Parish Councillors were Managing Trustees of the Staithe and had liability regarding the administration of the Staithe; as witnessed by a number of Parishioners present.

This guidance is not correct. In fact, Somerton Parish Council are Custodian Trustees for the Staithe Charity, to hold the assets comprising the Staithe on behalf of the Charity.

"A custodian trustee holds the title to all the property of the trust but is not involved in the day-to-day management of the trust. The powers and duties of a custodian trustee are set out in section 4 of the Public Trustee Act 1906"

The decision making of the Parish Councillors regarding the Managing Trustees of the Staithe Charity may have been influenced by the incorrect information they received.

It is requested that the decision made at the meeting of 2nd November be set aside, the minutes amended. The issue may be revisited if considered appropriate."

THE MEETING WILL BE RECORDED AND THE RECORDING DELETED ONCE THE MINUTES HAVE BEEN APPROVED.