

## Khpc Clerk

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**From:** Khpc Clerk  
**Sent:** 12 March 2020 09:45  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** sarahbarker@kingshillparish.gov.uk; Khpc Deputy  
**Subject:** RE: EGM and Parish Council interviews

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email.

The Facebook post included a typo which was corrected immediately. We can only apologise for this, the parish council does not normally respond outside of working hours on social media, it was done to try and be helpful and to alleviate the misinformation that is often written about parish council legislation. As often happens in these situations, replying late and quickly resulted in a mistake. This was changed immediately however there is not normally sympathy for us when we make a genuine mistake! We are only human and please accept our apologies.

Legislation dictates that one third or three members are required for a meeting. There has been no error of calculation, councillors report their apologies and when the number reaches the limit described above the meeting is automatically cancelled.

The parish council is a public authority and can only act within the legislation that is in place. It cannot vary this.

The Local Government Act 1972 Sch 12 para 9 (1) and (2) applies in the case of calling an extraordinary meeting.

### EXTRAORDINARY MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL, COMMITTEES AND SUB-COMMITTEES

- The Chairman of the Council may convene an extraordinary meeting of the Council at any time.

- If the Chairman of the Council does not call an extraordinary meeting of the Council within seven days of having been requested in writing to do so by two councillors, any two councillors may convene an extraordinary meeting of the Council. The public notice giving the time, place and agenda for such a meeting shall be signed by the two councillors.

The chairman is currently considering when the extra-ordinary meeting can be called. (This was already taking place prior to the extra-ordinary meeting being called by Cllrs Petty and Zahidi).

This meeting had already been cancelled for 18th and 20th due to there not being three councillors available to attend. Cllrs Petty and Zahidi then attempted to call a meeting for 17th by notifying the clerk, the law states that they must request this from the chairman in the first instance. The chairman reviewed attendance and due to the absences already reported for 18th and 20th the majority of the councillors are away therefore she is working on a date that suits most.

It is appreciated that there is a great deal of misinformation that has been put into the public domain so please do feel free to contact us for clarification.

Regards,

Julie

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-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 11 March 2020 18:38

To: Khpc Clerk <clerk@kingshillparish.gov.uk>; sarahbarker@kingshillparish.gov.uk

Subject: EGM and Parish Council interviews

I am writing to complain that following my Facebook conversation last night with the Parish Council it appears meetings are being cancelled when there are enough Parish Councillors to make a quorum. It appears the Parish Council thought you needed 2/3rd of or 3 in attendance but it is actually 1/3 or three and therefore made a error of calculation and the meeting could have gone ahead and interviews taken place.

I understand that councillors have called a EGM for the 17th where a quorum can attend and interviews can take place but this has been rejected by the Parish Council Chair Sarah Barker.

I am a resident of Kings Hill who is being asked to pay 15% extra on my council tax for a Parish Council who are no longer working for the residents.

With the country due to go in lock down over the next few weeks it is imperative that these interviews take place sooner rather than later so that the residents of Kings Hill can have a full Parish Council and people who will stand up and fight for the residents and facilities for the residents.

Kind regards

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Sent from my iPhone