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MEDIA PROTOCOL

Under Minute AM19/32 of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on 21st May 2019, the following Protocol for Members and Employees was agreed:

Approaches by Press and other Media:

- *Any approaches to Members by the media must be referred to the Clerk for him, in conjunction with the Chairman to decide upon a suitable response.*
- *Members shall not speak to the media on matters concerning Stithians Parish Council without the consent of either the Chairman or the Clerk.*
- *All Press Releases will be issued by the Clerk, or if he is not available, the Chairman.*

Use of the Internet/Social Media:

- *The personal use of the internet and social media by Councillors and employees of Stithians Parish Council must be tempered by an awareness of the potential conflicts that may arise.*
- *There should be a clear division between Council pages and "personal" pages.*
- *On Social Networking sites, Councillors and employees of Stithians Parish Council should be mindful that the information they disclose does not bring the Council into disrepute.*
- *It may not be appropriate to share Council-related photographs, comments and videos. Offensive comment about Council colleagues must not occur.*
- *When writing on behalf of the Council, Councillors and employees of Stithians Parish Council must not make any personal comments – they must also be aware that if they write under their own name there can be leakage from one account to the other.*
- *Blogs, micro blogs and other personal websites which do not identify the author as a member or employee of Stithians Council and do not discuss the Council and are purely personal would fall outside this guidance.*

John V Calvert
Clerk
3rd June 2019