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Chairman: We'll now move onto Item 8, petitions. No petitions have been received. 9, item 9, the minutes. Before I deal with this item, I understand that Councillor Smith wants to say a few words. Councillor Smith could you please speak to this item.

Cllr Nigel Smith: Thank you Chairman. Councillors, there seems to be some confusion regarding comments made by myself on planning issues and any whipping of Labour Members to vote in a specific way. The minutes of the last full Council plainly stated that this was refuted by myself. So to make matters completely clear I do not believe that any members of the Labour Group are whipped to vote for or against any applications. I hope this statement puts to an end any confusion. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you very much Councillor Smith. I will now move to confirm the minutes from the meeting of the Council held on 8 September 2020 are an accurate record of the proceedings, subject to a slight amendment to one sentence as set out in your additional papers. Could I have a seconder please?

Cllr Jim Hoult: Happy to second that, Chairman

Chairman: Who was that? Councillor-

Cllr Jim Hoult: Jim Hoult-

Chairman: Councillor Johnson?

Cllr Jim Hoult: Jim Hoult-

Chairman: Yes, Councillor Johnson, proceed.

Cllr Russell Johnson: Thank you Chair. I thank Councillor Smith for that... strange one. I raised this, what you said. The inference, it was the inference Nigel, what you made. Now what you've got to learn about it is not everybody might agree with you. We have difference of opinion on all Committees but the inference was that we-

Chairman: Councillor Johnson-

Cllr Russell Johnson: were whipped-

Chairman: Councillor Johnson I'm sorry. Sorry I have got to stop you there. Apparently it's inappropriate what you are about to say or what you are saying so we must leave it at that. Thank you. I do beg your pardon. Do we have a seconder? That was Jim Hoult. I believe you did second it didn't you Jim? Yeah.

Cllr Jim Hoult: I did Chairman, I did.

Chairman: I will assume that the minutes are agreed by all Councillors unless someone indicates now in which case I will take it to a recorded vote.

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