



**Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Handforth
Parish Council Employment Committee held on
Wednesday 4 November 2020 at 2:00 pm.
The meeting was held using Teams video technology**

This meeting was held under Part B Confidentiality as personal matters not for public dissemination or disclosure were discussed

Present: Cllrs. Aled Brewerton, Barry Burkhill (Chair), & Brian Tolver

Cllr. Tolver proposed that Cllr. Brewerton clerk the meeting. Cllr. Brewerton accepted and Cllr. Burkhill noted that Cllr. Brewerton would now clerk the meeting but was still permitted to vote on all motions.

20/13/01 To receive apologies for absence.

Cllr. Burkhill advised that Cllr. Samson had decided to not give her apologies as she claimed the meeting was unlawful. Cllr, Burkhill advised her that the meeting had been lawfully and properly called and that this meeting was lawful. Despite this advice, Cllr. Samson advised Cllr. Burkhill that she did not want to give her apologies.

Cllr. Burkhill read a statement from the Clerk stating that he had been advised not to make a statement at this time. Cllr. Burkhill advised that this would be minuted.

Apologies were received from Cllr. Thompson. Cllr. Thompson asked for it to be minuted that she has difficulty in attending meetings of this nature.

20/13/02

To note Declarations of interest and requests for dispensation to discuss, or discuss and vote on a matter in which a Member or co-opted Member has a Disclosable Pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest (DPI).

Cllr. Burkhill noted that Cllr. Thompson wanted to record her interest in Agenda Item 20/13/03.

20/13/03

To implement the decision of the Council made on 27th August 2020, item 20/09/18 reference Resolution 2 and to take any further appropriate action.

Cllr. Burkhill advised that the Clerk had been sent copies of the papers and minutes of the meetings in August 2020. Cllr. Burkhill expressed concern that Councilors do not appear to remember resolutions of Full Council. He referred to resolution 20/09/18 from the previous Employment Committee meeting on 25 August 2020 as well as Resolution 2 of Part B of the Full Council meeting on 27 August 2020 and to take further appropriate actions. Cllr. Burkhill noted that at the meeting on 27 August 2020 that Full Council had resolved to accept legal advice and that the voting on that motion shows full acceptance. Cllr. Burkhill noted that the Clerk had accepted the resolutions of Full Council but had not fully followed it. Cllr. Burkhill believed that a full investigation was required.

2 Motions were put forward and voted on:

MOTION 1

Due to the seriousness of the concerns raised relating to HPC's Clerk, copies of which have been distributed to Employment Committee members and to the Clerk, and the fact that relationships have broken down, the Clerk be suspended on full pay pending the result and conclusion of an investigation by an appointed independent investigator.

Proposed by Cllr. Tolver and seconded by Cllr. Burkhill.

Resolved. Unanimously

MOTION 2

To approach CH&I Associates for Terms and Conditions and cost for carrying out the investigation.

Proposed by Cllr. Tolver and seconded by Cllr. Burkhill.

Resolved. Unanimously

20/13/04

Cllr Burkhill agreed, as Chair of the Employment Committee, to attempt to locate an experienced qualified clerk who could stand in during the suspension of HPC's Clerk.

It was agreed unanimously that, in the meantime, Cllr Tolver would act as Clerk and Proper Officer without remuneration. This to be referred to and ratified by full Council.

It was also agreed unanimously that, in the meantime, Cllr Brewerton would act as Responsible Financial Officer, without remuneration. This to be referred to and ratified by full Council.

The meeting closed at 2:38 pm