

Farnham Royal Parish Council apologises to Councillor Clive Robinson for the distress caused over the past 7 years following his referral to the Monitoring Officer of Buckinghamshire Council and by acting outside of its powers in removing him from his public roles.

Farnham Royal Parish Council acknowledges Councillor Clive Robinson's statements during the public meeting on 17 April 2018 were honestly made and did not bring the council into disrepute.

Although these minutes reflect the words spoken, the Council records (without prejudice to its own position) that in response to a challenge by Mr Robinson to the decision of the Deputy Monitoring Officer for Buckinghamshire Council, the High Court (Administrative Division) held on 20 July 2021 it was an infringement of Mr Robinson's right to freedom of speech to refer him to the Monitoring Officer complaints procedure and to find him guilty of a breach of the Farnham Royal Parish Council's Code of Conduct. A full copy of the court's reasoning is available at: [www.bailii.org/ew/cases/EWHC/Admin/2021/2014.html](http://www.bailii.org/ew/cases/EWHC/Admin/2021/2014.html)"

## **FARNHAM ROYAL PARISH COUNCIL**

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### **MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF FARNHAM ROYAL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2018 AT 6.00 P.M. IN FARNHAM ROYAL PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE**

#### **Present**

Mr. Trevor Clapp (Chairman) Mr. Bob Milne  
Mr. John Hodges Mr. Richard Thomas  
Mr. Paul Rowley  
Mrs. Hilda Holder – Clerk  
The Chairman declared the meeting open at 6.00pm.

#### **18/70/PC Apologies for absence**

Mrs. Marilyn Rolfe, Mr. Bill Baker, Mrs. Judy Tipping and Mrs. Vicky Thompson.

#### **18/71/PC S.1.( 2) Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 to agree that in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted under the items below that the public be temporarily excluded and be instructed to withdraw**

This was agreed.

#### **18/72/PC To agree steps necessary to recruit a new clerk**

Following debate it was agreed that:-

72.1 The post should be full time with some flexibility for the right candidate with a pay range of £28,000 to £35,000 depending on experience. The vacancy notice and job specification and

contract of employment drawn up by the Clerk and circulated prior to the meeting were approved.

72.2 A budget of up to £1,000 was approved to cover recruitment costs specifically advertising online, in a local newspaper and via BALC.

72.3 A deadline of 29<sup>th</sup> June was agreed for applications. Mr. Hodges, Mr. Milne, Mr. Rowley and Mr. Thomas agreed to form a panel to agree a shortlist of candidates and how interviews should be conducted and a meeting was scheduled for 4<sup>th</sup> July at 11am in the office for this. Interviews should be scheduled for the afternoon of 11<sup>th</sup> July in the office.

72.4 The Clerk's contract of employment terminated on 30<sup>th</sup> June. It was agreed that she should be offered an opportunity to continue to provide services as a self-employed locum clerk at a rate of £30 per hour until a new clerk was found and had received a reasonable handover period or until mid - August 2018 whichever was the sooner.

**18/73/PC To consider any response from the Councillor found to be in breach of the Code of Conduct to the letter of 23<sup>rd</sup> May and agree next steps**

It was noted that no response had yet been received from the Councillor in question although that Councillor had been given until 25<sup>th</sup> June to respond formally. Never-the-less in the light of the request by the Chairman that he, the Chairman, be referred to the monitoring officer and the submission of such a referral by the Clerk, **it was agreed** that the actions of the said Councillor should also be referred to the monitoring officer for being in breach of the Code of Conduct.

*This concludes the meeting at 7.00pm.*