

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"

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MINUTES OF A EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF FARNHAM ROYAL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 21ST MAY 2018 AT 6.45 P.M. IN FARNHAM ROYAL VILLAGE HALL

Present

Mr. Trevor Clapp (Chairman)	Mr. Bob Milne
Mr. Paul Rowley	Mr. Roger Home
Mrs. Marilyn Rolfe	Mr. Richard Thomas
Mrs. Hilda Holder – Clerk	

The Chairman declared the meeting open at 6.45pm.

18/53/PC Apologies for absence

Mr. John Hodges, Mr. Bill Baker and Mrs. Vicky Thompson.

18/54/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 item below that the public be temporarily excluded and be instructed to withdraw

This was **agreed**.

18/55/PC To receive the report of the informal working group set up following the meeting of 23rd April 2018 (and regarding the Code of Conduct matter raised at that meeting) and agree next steps

55.1 Mr. Milne reported that a group of Councillors had met with the Councillor who had been found to be in breach of the Code of Conduct. The purpose of the meeting had been to try and resolve the issue and find a way to retrieve the damage which was felt had been done to the Council's reputation. Mr. Milne had been asked to attend and take minutes. He read out a confidential report on the meeting to Councillors present.

55.2 Following debate **it was agreed** that the Councillor in breach should be written to explaining where his claims and accusations were not based on the evidence available and requesting an undertaking as to his future actions and the Council's expectations. In the event that such an undertaking was not forthcoming on or before the next Council meeting the Councillor should be dismissed from any committees and working groups and positions of authority in the Council.

This concludes the meeting at 7.25pm.