

WALBERSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

The Minute of an Extraordinary meeting held on Tuesday 21st May 2019 at 7.15pm in the village hall annex.

Present: *Councillors Bassinette (in the chair), Lewis, Richardson, Sutton and Winyard.*

364/19-20 Councillor Bassinette welcomed Councillors to the meeting.

365/19-20 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mackay and Sutherland Rogers and the Clerk, all of whom were away.

366/19-20 No declarations of interest were received.

367/19-20 It was resolved that Councillor Lewis would take notes and produce the draft minute.

368/19-20 The resolution to exclude members of the public and press *"for the discussion of the following matters where publicity might be prejudicial to the special nature of the business – namely employment matters"* was agreed.

369/19-20 Councillor Bassinette gave an oral update to the meeting on progress towards appointing a new clerk. No suitable candidate had been identified from among applicants and advice had been received from SALC that the best course of action was to now appoint a locum Clerk from Opus (an agency approved by SALC and specialising in the Public Sector) or, failing that, that a councillor should be appointed interim Proper Officer and Clerk (without remuneration) while an external Clerk was sought.


It was resolved that hiring a locum Clerk was the preferable solution and the Chairman was authorised to agree a contract with Opus according to their Terms Of Business for appointment of a locum clerk.

If the search for a locum were to provide no suitable candidate in time for the issuing of the June WPC agenda, then under Section 112, Sub Section 5 of the Local Government Act 1972, a councillor would be appointed to hold the office of Clerk & Proper Officer on an interim basis from 3rd June 2019, without remuneration, until a long-term solution can be found. Councillor Jane Sutherland-Rogers had already stepped forward to volunteer to do this should the need arise and **it was unanimously resolved to take Councillor Sutherland-Rogers up on her kind offer and appoint her if required. The Chairman was authorised to make this appointment if necessary.**

It was further resolved to change the address for correspondence to the Council to the Heritage Hut from 31st May and to source and fit a post-box to the Heritage Hut to facilitate this in consultation with the Lessee (WCLC). Councillor Lewis volunteered to follow up on this.

The meeting closed at 7.30 pm.

The date of the next meeting is 10 June 2019 at 7.15 pm in the Village Annex.


10/6/2019