

Minutes of an Extra-Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday. 5th April 2011 at the Community Centre, Station Road, Puckeridge, starting at 7.30pm.

Present:

Councillor Richard Stacey (Chair), Cllr. Ruth Arikans, Cllr. Mark Ackford, Cllr. Graham Cowell (Vice-Chair), Cllr. Alex Lang (Minutes)

Two members of the Public - who left before the Meeting commenced

11.86 To receive and accept apologies for absence:

Cllr. Ken Goodsell

11.87 Declarations of Interest:

None were declared by those present.

11.88 Chairman's Announcements:

Resolved that in the absence of the Clerk Cllr. Lang would take Minutes.

The Chair welcomed those present to the Meeting and circulated a Report by the Human Resources Working Group, which made a Recommendation following the Interviews held in relation to the Appointment of a new Clerk. (Said Report attached hereto).

11.89 To consider under Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 that Press and Public be excluded during Item 11.90 on the Agenda in view of the Confidential nature of the Business to be transacted.

Resolved that Press and Public be excluded.

11.90 Appointment of New Clerk:

The Chair confirmed that there had been twenty Applications received. This number had been reduced to five on the short-list for Interview. For various reasons, three had dropped out of the Interview process – two were therefore interviewed.

It had been recommended by the Working Group that Mrs Belinda Irons be appointed as the new Clerk for Standon Parish Council as per the terms and conditions in the report.

Cllr. Ackford asked if two issues, namely working for another Parish Council and living outside the village had been given consideration by the Interview Panel. He was assured by the Chair and Vice-Chair that these points had been raised in some depth during the Interview process and they were both satisfied that there would be no conflict of interest.

The matters could in fact, be considered to be in our favour, and were therefore, not pursued.

Resolved That the report be adopted in full

11.91 Agenda Items for Next Parish Council Meeting:

There were two suggestions made for future Agenda items – these were:-

- i) The Health Centre, and Proposed Pharmacy
- ii) The use of inflatables and other items on Burr's Meadow

There being no further Business for discussion, the Meeting closed at 8.15pm.