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Public Session MINUTES

Minutes of a Virtual Meeting of Bleadon Parish Council's Personnel Committee held by way of Zoom Meeting on **Monday 17th August 2020** held over from the **10th August 2020** which had to be postponed due to technical difficulties. The meeting commenced at **7.00 pm** when the following business was transacted.

PRESENT

Chairman Gill Williams with Councillors ID Clarke Andy Scarisbrick Mary Sheppard and the Parish Clerk Bruce Poole

1.1 To elect a Committee Chairman

Cllr A Scarisbrick was so elected

1.2 To receive Apologies for Absence and to approve the reasons given.

None

1.3 Declarations of interests

None

1.4 To receive a draft set of proposals for the proposed Terms of Reference for the Personnel Committee

The meeting received the proposed Terms of Reference on which Cllr Clarke asked a couple of questions for clarification that were subsequently provided by the Clerk.

Resolved to agree acceptance of the Committee;s Terms of Reference as set out in the annexed paper herewith

1.5 To agree to source some appropriate member training.

Cllr Clarke suggested that there were many sector based publications available that would readily assist Councillors in carrying out their responsibilities as Councillors.

Resolved that both Cllr Clark and the Clerk would source any available material as suggested by Cllr Clarke with the Parish Clerk seeking any sources of appropriate HR Traqining.

1.6 Date and Time of next Personnel Committee Meeting – Monday 18th January 2021

Personnel Committee

1. PURPOSE

The Personnel Committee is appointed by and is solely responsible to the Bleadon Parish Council. The Committee duties are defined and agreed by the Main Council. The committee will meet six monthly but can also be convened to deal with special events as they occur.

2. MEMBERSHIP

All members of the Committee will be Councillors. The Committee will consist of three Councillors and the Chairman of the Council will automatically be a member. The Personnel Committee Chairman will have a casting vote when required. At its first meeting it will elect a Chairman to preside at its future meetings and will also elect a Vice Chairman if it wishes – to be re-elected each year after the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council. A quorum at the Committee meetings will consist of three members. The Vice Chairman of the Council will not automatically be member of the committee and will have no full voting rights unless appointed as committee member.

3. RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Written minutes will be taken to record the Committee's decisions and will be circulated to all Councillors with recommendations for the next Full Council meeting apart from matters where the Committee has delegated powers. The Parish Clerk will be responsible for arranging the recording and distribution of the minutes.

4. RESPONSIBILITIES

Primary Purpose: to ensure the council complies with the requirements of employment law and follows best practice in providing good working conditions for staff, including health and safety.

The Committee will have the following duties and has full delegated powers in relation to the defined terms of reference only.

The Personnel Committee has the delegated responsibility for:

- a) Recruitment and selection of the Parish Clerk and or RFO and where necessary the Locum Clerk
- b) Recruitment and short listing applicants for the post of Parish Clerk RFO. The successful short listed applicants to be interviewed by the Personnel Committee. A recommendation from the Personnel Committee will be submitted to Full council to ratify the appointment of Town Clerk/and or RFO.
- c) Reviewing contracts staffing policies and procedures annually
- d) Considering and implementing any changes, which are required to comply with Employment Law, Health & Safety Law and Terms & Conditions of Service as laid down by the National Joint Council (NJC 'Green book') and recommended by National Association of Local Councils (NALC) and Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC).
- e) Approving requests within the training budget for personal development training and health and safety requirements.
- h) Reviewing job descriptions, person specification, staff establishment (including promotion re-grading, redundancies and fixed term contracts) and to approve all contracts of employment.
- i) Considering and implementing pay awards, and payroll management.
- j) Reviewing staff pension arrangements with the exception of Employer Discretions as laid out in the Employer Discretions Policy.
- k) Managing long term sickness and incidents at work in line with the council's Sickness Absence Policy

- l) Working to determine the staffing levels necessary to efficiently discharge the work required by the council and to review the workloads periodically
- m) Ensuring that all staff have an annual appraisal generally to be held in the month of January
- n) Ensuring that the Clerk has everything required for managing other staff and contractors.
- o) Ensuring that the Council is kept up to date with developments in employment law via specialist HR support
- p) Awareness of sources of expert advice on employment matters and to ensure that the council uses such sources when there is any doubt about good employment practice.
- q) Undertaking training identified from time to time to support their role as Council's staffing committee
- r) Managing any issues referred to the committee by Full Council
- s) To appoint from the full council membership, three members to act as a disciplinary panel and as an appeals panel in the case of any appeal against disciplinary action taken by the Personnel Committee.
- t) To appoint from the full council membership, three members to hear any formal grievance made by the Parish Clerk against the outcome of a grievance investigation undertaken by the Parish Clerk.

5. DECISION MAKING

The Parish Clerk will advise members whether or not a particular item under discussion is within the Committee's delegated powers. If it is within delegated powers, the minutes will record the decision as RESOLVED. If not, then the minutes will record the decision as RECOMMENDED and it will then be brought to the attention of the Council for decision when seeking approval and adoption of the Committee minutes.