



GOVERNANCE SUB COMMITTEE 2

PARKSIDE, STATION APPROACH, BURTON STREET, MELTON MOWBRAY

18 AUGUST 2015

PRESENT

Councillors M Glancy, E Holmes, J Illingworth
T Beaken (Substitute for Councillor J T Orson)

Parish Representative - Parish Councillor P Dorn

Monitoring Officer
Solicitor to the Council & Deputy Monitoring Officer
Senior Democracy Officer
Admin Assistant

The Monitoring Officer opened the meeting in the absence of a Chair and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

GS2.1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Orson and Sheldon.

GS2.2 ELECTION OF CHAIR

It was proposed by Councillor Illingworth and seconded by Councillor Beaken for Councillor Holmes to chair the meeting. On being put to the vote, this was agreed unanimously.

Councillor Holmes in her capacity as Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked those present to introduce themselves.

GS2.3 MINUTES

It was agreed that the Minutes of the Governance Sub Committee 2 meeting held on 24 July 2015 be noted as no Member present had attended the meeting.

GS2.4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

It was noted that if it became necessary for Members to discuss specific details of the cases contained in the exempt papers a vote would be taken as to whether the meeting would move into exempt session.

GS2.5 OUTSTANDING MEMBER COMPLAINT GOV 13A

The Monitoring Officer submitted and presented a report (copies of which had previously been circulated to Members and it was confirmed that Members had had the opportunity to read the papers fully) which enabled the Committee to consider the way forward of a Parish Councillor complaint where the Parish Councillor was no longer in office.

The Parish Representative was consulted.

For the reasons set out in paragraph 3.6 of the exempt report it was proposed by Councillor Illingworth and seconded by Councillor Beaken to close the complaint and on being put to the vote, all Members were in agreement. It was noted that should the Subject Member of such a complaint re-join the Parish Council in the future, the complaint could not be re-opened.

The Chair expressed concern about the costs involved in the setting up of investigations and the time and effort and meetings to hear these matters when any decisions made seemed not to be binding.

It was confirmed that under the Localism Act, any recommendations made to the Parish Council were not binding upon them and they had the choice to act upon them or not.

RESOLVED that Complaint GOV 13a be closed prior to the resolution of the complaint due to the Parish Councillor being no longer in office.

(The Monitoring Officer left the meeting for the following item of business due to a potential conflict of interest.)

GS2.6 OUTSTANDING MEMBER COMPLAINT GOV 10

The Solicitor to the Council in her role as Deputy Monitoring Officer submitted and presented a report, (copies of which had previously been circulated to Members and it was confirmed that Members had had the opportunity to read the papers fully) due to the potential conflict of interest of the Monitoring Officer, which enabled the Committee to consider the way forward of a Parish Councillor complaint where the Parish Councillor was no longer in office.

The Parish Representative was consulted.

For the reasons set out in the exempt report at paragraphs 3.5 and 3.6 it was proposed by Councillor Illingworth and seconded by Councillor Glancy to close the complaint. On being put to the vote, all were in agreement.

RESOLVED that Complaint GOV 10 be closed prior to the resolution of the complaint due to the Parish Councillor being no longer in office.

The Meeting which commenced at 4 pm, closed at 4.18 pm

Chairman