



PRESALL TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the extraordinary meeting of the Town Council held on Saturday 4 March 2023 at 9.30am at Preesall and Knott End Youth and Community Centre

Present: Present: Cllrs K.Shepherd (Mayor), R.Drobny, D.Irvin, S.Jepson, J.Lewin, P.Orme, S.Rossall, K.Woods.

254 1.Apologies for absence received from Cllr T.Johnson

255 2.Declarations of interests and dispensations

None

256 3.Public participation

No members of the public present.

257 4.Exclusion of the press and public

Proposed PO seconded RD unanimous vote in favour of exclusion of press and public.

Item under discussion was the way forward following the communication from the successful candidate for the clerks position. The Mayor explained the situation and read out the communication the clerk had received from the candidate that indicated they were unwilling to give up other posts held and as such would not sign the contract we had given to her. This was despite the fact she had agreed to do so during their interview. A full and frank discussion was held as the council believed the applicant to be a good candidate and wanted to employ them. The council endeavours to be a good employer and had concerns for the workload the candidate would be taking on if they were to remain in post at three other Parish Councils as well as Preesall.

It was proposed by PO and seconded by DI :

That the clerk be asked to contact the candidate by phone to establish if the candidate's statement that they would not resign from two of their smaller parish clerk positions was a case of never or simply not immediately. It was further agreed that if the candidate was willing to give up the two posts (and provide evidence to that effect) within a three-month time frame of starting work with Preesall then the contract would be amended and she would be invited to agree a starting date. If however she would not agree to this then the offer of employment would be rescinded and the advert for a position should be immediately reposted.

The vote was unanimous in favour of this proposal.

The Mayor closed the Meeting at 10.20am