



SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of Sandown Town Council held on Tuesday 22 August 2017 at 6.30pm, in Room 2, Sandown Business Centre, College Close.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cllr. Patel (Chair), Cllr. Andre, Cllr. Cowley, Cllr. Dupre, Cllr. Grandchamp, Cllr. Humby
Cllr. Lawson, Cllr. Mereweather, Cllr. Ward and Cllr. Young.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs Marion Cook (Town Clerk), 1 Member of the Public

To allow 15 minutes for the Residents of Sandown to speak to the Council on Town matters.

1544/17 To receive and accept apologies for absence

Apologies from Cllrs. Brading and Teasdale were received and accepted.

1545/17 To receive declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

1546/17 To agree and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 14 August 2017

The minutes were not available for approval.

1547/17 To ratify the Staffing Committee recommendation that this Council recruits a Deputy Clerk

As Chair of the Staffing Committee, Cllr. Grandchamp put forward the case for starting the process of recruiting a Deputy Clerk. As the present Clerk had expressed a wish to retire within 18-24 months and had requested the services of a Committee Clerk, it seemed the ideal opportunity with all the extra work the Town Council was involved in, to recruit someone who would either be a knowledgeable Deputy or be able to take over as Clerk when the current Clerk did go.

The meeting was suspended whilst the member of the Public was asked their opinion, which was that they would not like to see the precept raised any more.

The meeting resumed and discussion followed. Some Councillors asked for more information which they would get if the Staffing were given the ratification to go forward. Others suggested a job share approach. Some suggested getting a full time Clerk now, and the current Clerk could stay on as Project Manager.

Cllr. Grandchamp, seconded by Cllr. Young made a proposal

'That the Staffing Committee be tasked with preparing the specifications for an additional staff member, job title to be decided, that for this current year will be within a budget of £15,000 and precepted for in following years.

A vote was taken and it was **RESOLVED** by a majority of 5 votes to 4 to not ratify the recommendation. The Mayor did not vote.

1548/17 To arrange a date and confirm the format of the presentation of awards for Sandown in Bloom 2017

After a short discussion in which it was suggested that we try a new approach it was decided to maintain the old format and the Clerk was asked to contact Browns Café to see if the presentation afternoon could be accommodated there and at what cost. A maximum budget of £8 per head was suggested. A date in late September was proposed.

1549/17 To note the date of the next meeting –18 September 2017 at 7.00pm

Signed
Chairman

Date 18 September 2017