

MINUTES of the Benson Parish Council meeting held on Thursday March 2nd 2006 at 7.00pm. Benson Parish Hall, Committee room.

PRESENT:

Cllr. W. Pattison. (Chairman)
Cllr. N. Bailey.
Cllr. J. Fowler.
Cllr. I. Leppard.
Cllr. B. Mosley.
Cllr. D. Olley.
Cllr. P. Peers.
Cllr. M. Spence.
Cllr. T. Stevenson.

Proper Officer: Mrs E.E.Leppard.

Members of the public:- None.

1. Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. Booker, Fletcher & Keogh.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

Cllr. Pattison signed the book with regard to the voting on acceptance of the confirmation of the appointment of the Parish Clerk.

3. Confirmation of the appointment of the Parish Clerk.

The Chairman advised the full council that the finance committee had met with Mrs S. Brown for a second meeting and this had been very successful and she had been offered the post subject to confirmation of the full council.

Cllr. Spence proposed that this Parish Council offer the post of Parish Clerk to Mrs S.Brown under the provision LGAct 1972.112(1) on a single salary point NALC LC2, bench mark 30 subject to a six month probation period and in accordance with NALC model contract as modified at the meeting between Mrs. Brown and the finance committee on Monday 26th February 2006.

Seconded by Cllr. Peers.

Voted:- in favour 8. 1 abstention.

The finance committee was asked how many hours would Mrs Brown be working.

Cllr.Peers replied that it would be a minimum of 16 hours.

3. Confirmation of the appointment of the D.P.S.

The chairman advised the full council that an interview meeting had been held and the finance committee recommend that the Parish Council should employ Mrs T. Ellis as the D.P.S. It was agreed with Mrs Ellis that she would attend a day course on March 7th 06 to obtain the necessary qualification to hold the licence.

Subject to the C.R.B. check and the acceptance by S.O.D.C. as the licence holder, this Parish Council offered the position of the D.P.S. on the understanding that the contract would be initially for six months with a three month probation period.

The chairman was asked how much notice is required to terminate the position.

Cllr. Pattison replied one week either way.

The chairman was also asked what salary was proposed. As the advert stated.
£12,000 - £16,000. per annum for a 37 hour week.

Several questions were asked regarding how many hours and what exactly would the
DPS be doing.

The chairman advised that as councillors were aware, it is a new job and it is very
difficult to know exactly how it is going to work, how many hours would be required,
and that the majority of events not would require the DPS to be present.

Cllr. Spence moved that this Parish Council should employ Mrs T. Ellis for a six
month contract with a three month probation period.

Voted: unanimous.

There being no further business the meeting closed.