

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BEETLEY & EAST BILNEY  
VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 18 OCTOBER 2006 AT 8.00 P.M.**

**Present** Councillor R Richmond (Chair)  
Councillor R Campbell-Smith  
Councillor G Hayes  
Councillor A Luck  
Councillor M Petzer  
Councillor D Silk

**1. Apologies For Absence.**

Apologies were received from Councillor A Leigh

**2. Declarations Of Interest.**

Councillor A Leigh declared in writing a prejudicial interest in item 4, which was also the reason for her apologies for absence.

**3. Exclusion Of Press and Public.**

It was proposed by Councillor A Luck seconded by Councillor D Silk and with the unanimous agreement of the meeting **resolved** that under the powers granted by the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, members of the press and public (of which none were present) be excluded from the meeting in view of the confidential nature of the business, namely the Clerks contract, about to be conducted.

**4. Clerks Contract.**

**4.1** The 'Status Quo' regarding the selection and appointment of the current clerk and the relationship which existed, namely the provision of 25 hours per month which were to be reimbursed at an agreed rate monthly in arrears, was confirmed to the meeting. The payment required that the incumbent declared the income to the relevant statutory authorities. It was confirmed that the relationship was never inferred as that of employer/employee.

**4.2** It was proposed by Councillor Richmond, seconded by Councillor Petzer and with the unanimous agreement of the meeting **resolved** that the Council did not, on behalf of the Parish, wish to enter into an employment relationship (employee/employer) with any individual/organisation providing the services of Parish Clerk and responsible financial officer on behalf of the council. The Status Quo should remain extant whereby the council should reimburse for the agreed hours performed.

**4.3** It was proposed Councillor Campbell-Smith seconded by Councillor Petzer and with the unanimous agreement of the meeting **resolved** that the original Council appointment committee, (Councillor Richmond, Councillor Hayes and Councillor Silk), meet with Mr Leigh to confirm and concur the relationship under which the current 25 hours per month, which were originally agreed between himself and the Council are to be used, monitored and reimbursed. These discussions could then be formalised into a service contract which would formalise the basis upon which the service was provided and received in the future.

**4.4** It was proposed by Councillor Hayes seconded by Councillor Silk and with the unanimous agreement of the meeting **resolved** that the invitation to Mr Leigh to attend a meeting 4.3 above refers be formalised in writing from the Chairman.

The meeting closed at 21.28 p.m.