

HORDEN PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting held 18th July 2016

Present: Councillor D Nicol (Chairman)
Councillors J Clark, E Connor, D Langan, I Roberts, D Tait, J White, L Williams and E Wood.

Staff: Mr S Wardle (Consultant Advisor), Miss G Rowe (Assistant Clerk)

**Also
Present:**

HPC **Apologies for Absence.**
16/17/052 **RESOLVED:** Apologies RECEIVED and approved for Councillor C Cain, M Clark, W Hill, W Smith.

HPC **Declarations of Interest.**
16/17/053 There were no declarations of interest.

HPC **Exclusion of Press and Public.**
16/17/054 **RESOLVED:** that in accordance with Section 2 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act, 1960, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve information prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

HPC **ACAS Early Conciliation**
16/17/055 Members considered the correspondence previously circulated and recently received from ACAS. It was noted that the Clerk was unable to attend the meeting or advise the Council as he had confirmed he would have a prejudicial interest. After a full and lengthy discussion, it was **RESOLVED** that, although Members were mindful not to enter into early conciliation based on strong mitigating circumstances it may be in the economic interests for the Parish Council to enter into negotiations to effectively manage the risk and obtain the most satisfactory outcome.

Accordingly, to effect the above, it was **FURTHER RESOLVED** that Mr Stuart Wardle (Consultant for the Parish Council) in conjunction with the Assistant Clerk be delegated full authority to negotiate on behalf of the Parish Council under the Early Conciliation procedure.

Meeting concluded at 6:58pm