

HORDEN PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting held 25th September 2014

Present: Councillor J White (Chairman)
 Councillors E Connor, D Langan, D Nicol, G Phillips, I Roberts, M Robinson, D Tait and L Williams.

Staff: Mr P Davison, Clerk to the Council

**Also
 Present:**

HPC **Apologies for Absence.**
14/15/080 Apologies were received from Councillors J Clark, R Bagnall, M Clark, W Hill, W Smith and E Wood.

HPC **Exclusion of Press and Public**
14/15//081 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 it involves information prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

RESOLVED: that the press and public be excluded for the following item.

HPC **Legality of Council Resolutions**
14/15/082 The Chairman stated that the Clerk must be allowed to present his report without interruption and that consideration of the report and questions could be asked by Members at the end of the presentation.

A Member advised that he had taken separate legal advice with regard to the item and stated that grievances he had prepared would be prejudiced if the meeting commenced in relation to the Clerks report. He also referred to advice the council had previously received in relation to the item to have the matter investigated by an independent third party.

The Clerk concurred and stated that the council, should welcome such an investigation and that the council's external auditor should be used. The Clerk also advised that under the circumstances, it would be prudent to close the meeting at that juncture.

Members stated that they felt very disappointed in the outcome and expressed regret that issues had escalated to that point.

The Chairman moved that the meeting be closed.

RESOLVED: that the meeting be closed.