

PROCEDURES COMMITTEE

21 JULY 2021

Present:

Councillors Bullivant, Connett, D Cox, H Cox, Haines, Parker-Khan, Parker (Chair), L Petherick and Thorne

Apologies:

Councillors Patch

Officers in Attendance:

Trainee Democratic Services Officer

Democratic Services Team Leader & Deputy Monitoring Officer

1. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

RESOLVED that Cllr Connett be elected Deputy Chair for 2021/22.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. REMIT OF THE PROCEDURES COMMITTEE

Members requested that the member training/development programme be brought to the next Procedures Committee meeting.

4. NOTICE OF MOTION - CONSTITUTION

Members discussed Cllr Patch's Notice of Motion that had been referred to the Procedures Committee.

The Leader commented that Full Council on 24 September 2019 had granted the Monitoring Officer delegated power to amend the Council's Constitution and this work had been undertaken in accordance with this resolution.

Members voted on each of the recommendations separately.

RECOMMENDED to Full Council that:-

- (A) The Council strive to uphold the integrity of the Constitution of this Council;

- (B) (i) The constitution as amended by the Monitoring Officer pursuant to the resolution of Full Council 24 September 2019 be reaffirmed as the Council's working Constitution; and
- (ii) The Procedures Committee would undertake to consider any Members queries on the published constitution at a future meeting; and
- (C) Future changes to the constitution be brought to the Procedures Committee for onward recommendation to Council.

5. VOTING ON MINUTES

Councillor G Hook spoke on this item and outlined his support for requesting that if a member either votes against or abstains in a vote on the approval of the recorded minutes of a meeting, s/he gives an explanation as to the reasons for their vote.

RESOLVED that there be no further action on this matter at this stage.

6. RECOMMENDATION FROM STANDARDS SUB-COMMITTEE

Members discussed the recommendations from the Standards Sub-Committee and voted on each of the recommendations separately.

RECOMMENDED to Full Council that:-

- (1) The council's Procedural Rules should be amended so that Councillors serving on the Planning Committee are no longer permitted to vote on applications within their ward;
- (2) Motions to Approve/Refuse/Defer Planning Applications should be made at the end of a debate on the application, which would allow any questions raised during debate to be answered;
- (3) All Councillors be reminded that the deadline for submission of new information on planning applications being considered by the Planning Committee is midnight Thursday prior to the meeting and no later; and
- (4) Any new information or submissions regarding planning applications should be submitted to the planning email address planadmin@Teignbridge.gov.uk by midnight Thursday prior to the meeting.

The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 11.25 am.

Chair