

MARSHLAND ST JAMES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extra-Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 18th July 2017

Present

Councillors: Askew (Chair), Chapman, Coleman, Gathercole, Long and Peckitt

4 members of the public

Clerk – S Thorpe

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Boyce and Norman. Cllr Coleman advised that she may need to leave early.

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllrs Askew, Gathercole and Long declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 4.

3. Public Speaking

Resolved that meeting be adjourned for public speaking,

Prop: Cllr Chapman 2nd: Cllr Gathercole Agreed.

Meeting re-started.

4. Request from Jubilee Hall Committee for assistance with legal fees incurred in assisting MDCSC to secure a loan

The matter was discussed at length; during the discussion, the Clerk advised that the PC could not pay the invoices directly as this was not a cost that had been incurred by the PC and also VAT could not be reclaimed; however, the PC could consider a donation to cover part or all of the total invoices, which was £5712. The Clerk confirmed that the PC was able to make a donation of this amount if they wished. During the discussion members expressed a desire to give assistance to enable the success of the project to construct the new community building but concern was expressed about donating this amount of public funds and the following was proposed:

That the full amount of £5712 should be given to the Jubilee Hall Committee to pay the legal fees on the understanding that when the site was eventually sold, and the loan of £150,000 to the Borough Council was repaid, if any proceeds remained above this amount then the Jubilee Hall Committee would offer to repay to the PC the £5712 (or the full amount of any remaining proceeds if they were less than this amount). A letter should be sent to the Jubilee Hall Committee asking for confirmation of this prior to release of the funds.

Prop: Cllr Long 2nd: Cllr Coleman Agreed.

A request was made for a recorded vote.

In favour: Cllr Chapman, Coleman, Gathercole, Long and Peckitt

Abstaining: Cllr Askew

Cllr Long arrived near the start of the above item giving his apologies for being late.

Cllr Coleman left after the decision on item 4.

5. Planning Matters

Applications received since last meeting:

- a 17/01290/RM Reserved matters application for proposed dwelling at plot 1 – land north of 19 Smeeth Road.** The application was discussed and it was agreed to SUPPORT the application.

Meeting closed at 7.37pm