

MINUTES OF THE EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING OF FOREST ROW PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 31ST AUGUST 2021 AT 8PM IN THE GARDEN ROOM AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

PRESENT: Cllrs. Josephson (Chairman), Davies, Hill, R Lewin, T Lewin, McNally, Miller, Moore, Pritchitt, Spackman, Summers, Walters, Williams & Wogan

APOLOGIES:

NOT PRESENT: Cllr. Withers

IN ATTENDANCE: The Clerk and Asst Clerk, District Cllr. Patterson-Vanegas and 3 members of the public

C99/21 PUBLIC QUESTIONS:

None

C100/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: None

C101/21 TO RESOLVE TO DEAL WITH THE MINUTES & TRANSCRIPT OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 9th JUNE & 27th & 30th JULY & 24th AUGUST 2021 AT THE NEXT ORDINARY MEETING

Cllr. Josephson proposed the above resolution. This was seconded by Cllr. Williams and AGREED.

C102/21 TO RESOLVE TO POSTPONE CLARIFICATION OF ACTIONS FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS AT THE NEXT ORDINARY MEETING

Cllr. Josephson proposed the above resolution. This was seconded by Cllr. T Lewin and AGREED.

C103/21 TO DECLARE ANY INTERESTS OR REQUEST DISPENSATION PERTAINING TO THE FOLLOWING ITEM ON THE AGENDA

Cllr. Waters declared an interest in the discussion of the acquisition of Station Road

Cllr. Josephson asked that a recorded vote be taken for the following items.

C104/21 TO CONSIDER A REVISED REPORT/BUSINESS PLAN/SCHEDULE OF RISK FROM THE RELEVANT WORKING GROUP ON THE ISSUES ARISING FROM THE PROPOSAL TO PURCHASE THE FORMER HOUSEHOLD WASTE RECYCLING SITE

Various questions were asked and answered.

Cllr. Josephson proposed that thanks were given to all those that contributed to the report and that the report be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr. McNally and voted upon.

For: Cllrs. Davies, Hill, R Lewin, T Lewin, Josephson, McNally, Miller, Moore, Pritchitt, Spackman, Waters & Williams

Against: Cllr. Wogan

Abstained: Cllr. Summers

Cllr. Pritchitt proposed that item 9 on the agenda be taken at this point of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr. Summers and voted upon.

For: Cllrs. McNally, Moore, Pritchitt, Spackman, Summers, Waters, Williams & Wogan

Against: Cllrs. Davies, R Lewin, T Lewin & Miller

Abstained: Cllrs. Hill & Josephson

The public were asked to vacate the room

The following item is attached as a confidential minute

C105/21 TO FINALISE A CEILING PRICE FOR A PURCHASE BID

C106/21 TO CONSIDER AND RESOLVE WHETHER TO APPLY TO THE PUBLIC WORKS LOAN BOARD FOR A LOAN TO PURCHASE THE FREEHOLD OF THE FOREST ROW FORMER HOUSEHOLD WASTE RECYCLING SITE

After discussion, Cllr. Hill proposed that the Parish Council apply to the PWLB for a loan of £ 100,000. This was seconded by Cllr. T Lewin.

Cllr. R Lewin counter proposed that the Parish Council apply for a loan from the PWLB for £ 100,000 - such application to be lodged as late as reasonably possible. This was seconded by Cllr. Spackman and voted upon.

For: Cllrs. Davies, Josephson, R Lewin, T Lewin, McNally, Miller, Moore, Spackman, Waters & Williams
Against: Cllrs. Hill, Pritchitt, Summers & Wogan

C107/21 TO CONSIDER AND RESOLVE WHETHER TO SUBMIT A FORMAL PURCHASE BID TO EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL ON THE BASIS OF A COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER

Cllr. Josephson proposed that a bid be submitted to East Sussex County Council on the basis of a Community Asset Transfer at the price previously agreed to include reference to the Parish Council's preference for an overage clause in the event of future disposal. This was seconded by Cllr. R Lewin and voted upon:

For: Cllrs. Davies, Hill, Josephson, R Lewin, T Lewin, McNally, Miller, Moore, Pritchitt, Spackman, Waters & Williams
Against: Cllrs. Summers & Wogan

Cllr. Wogan proposed that the Parish Council does not agree to take on the ownership and maintenance of Station Road. This was seconded by Cllr. Pritchitt and unanimously AGREED. (Cllr. Waters did not take part in this vote)

C108/21 TO CONSIDER & RESOLVE WHETHER TO APPLY TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR CONSENT TO BORROW FURTHER FUNDS FOR A CAPITAL PROJECT OR PROJECTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COMMUNITY CONSULTATION OF AUGUST 2020, AND IF SO, WHICH AND IN WHAT AMOUNT

Cllr. Josephson proposed that the Parish Council apply to the Secretary of State to borrow funds for the acquisition of cemetery land. This was seconded by Cllr. Hill and unanimously AGREED
No vote was taken on the amount of such borrowing.

C109/21 TO RESOLVE TO DEAL WITH ANY OUTSTANDING NOTICES, CORRESPONDENCE OR CONSULTATIONS AT THE NEXT ORDINARY MEETING.

The above was proposed by Cllr. Josephson, seconded by Cllr. T Lewin and AGREED unanimously.

C110/21 TO NOTE ITEMS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEE OR FULL COUNCIL

None

The meeting closed at 9:10 pm.

SIGNED:

DATE.....(Chairman)

