

**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF ODIHAM PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE PARISH ROOM, THE BURY, ODIHAM ON
FRIDAY 12 JUNE 2015 COMMENCING AT 7.30PM**

Present: Cllrs Hale (Chairman), Bell (arrived at 7.35pm), David, Faulkner, Fellows, Fleming, Harris, Robinson-Giannasi and Stewart

79/15 APPOINTMENT OF A CLLR TO TAKE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Cllr Robinson-Giannasi was appointed to take the minutes of the meeting (Appendix 1 – private and confidential).

80/15 RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Crookes, Gorys, Kennett and County Cllr Glen.

81/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST RELATING TO ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA

None

82/15 APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING MINUTES

Friday 5 June 74/15 - 78/15
The above minutes were accepted as an accurate record.

83/15 AGREEMENT ON THE RESPONSE TO BELL CORNWELL'S EMAIL DATED 2 JUNE TO ATTEND A MEETING TO ENABLE OPC THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE SIGHT OF THEIR REVISED PROPOSAL FOR THE DEER PARK

The email from Bell Cornwell and a proposed draft response had been circulated prior to the meeting (Appendix 2). Cllr Fleming requested that the 4th paragraph, 5th line should read "with a copy" and that the NH Plan's response to and Bell Cornwell's email should be published on OPC's website. It was suggested that OPC should ask the NH Plan if they were happy for this to be on the website first.

Cllr Fleming stated that he enjoined OPC to openness and had stood for election on this basis. He stated that previous meetings with Bell Cornwell regarding the Deer Park had been held in secret. The Chairman called a point of order, supported by Cllrs David and Faulkner and stated that Cllr Fleming was well aware that the meetings had been attended by other stakeholders e.g. Hart DC, OdSoc and the NH Plan. All of OPC's meetings have been referenced in our published minutes with notes taken that are available as a public record so could not be considered secret. It was agreed that these notes should be published on the website.

Bell Cornwell have invited OPC to attend a presentation of their revised proposal for the Deer Park. It was agreed that this should be a meeting open to the public and that this would be requested with Bell Cornwell. If this was agreed by Bell Cornwell, to enable public attendance, it was agreed to call an extraordinary meeting on 30 June at 7.30pm, venue to be advised.

OPC's response to Bell Cornwell's email dated 2 June will also be added to the website.

84/15 CONSIDERATION AND AGREEMENT ON THE CONTENT TO BE ADDED TO THE DEER PARK PAGE ON THE WEBSITE

There was a round table discussion as to Cllrs views on what should be added to the Deer Park page on the website. It was agreed to add:-

Minutes from meeting 1 held on 8 September 2014

Notes from meeting 2 held on 18 November 2014

Cllr Fellows notes from Bell Cornwell's consultation held on 26 April 2015

It was also agreed to publish OPC's reasons for excluding the Deer Park from the NH Plan, once the document had been written by Cllr Hale and circulated for Cllrs and NH Plan approval.

Cllr Fleming said that people were asking why Cllrs were not responding to emails regarding the NH Plan and Deer Park. A point of order was called as this was not an agenda item.

Cllr David pointed out that OPC should be responding as a cohesive body to correspondence sent to the council and not as individuals. The Chairman reminded Cllr Fleming that the clerk had proposed that all correspondence on the Deer Park will be circulated to Cllrs prior to the next meeting where it is an agenda item to agree a response. It was suggested that if Cllrs preferred, then the correspondence could be sent for their review in weekly batches. It was agreed to put this to the office.

85/15 RESOLUTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETING) ACT 1960 TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

It was resolved to exclude the public and press.

86/15 RATIFICATION ON OPC'S WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE AGENT WITH RESPECT TO AN OFFER ON THE KITCHEN GARDEN

It was resolved to ratify OPC's written response to the agent with respect to an offer to purchase the kitchen garden (Appendix 3 – private and confidential).

87/15 CONSIDERATION AND AGREEMENT ON A FINANCIAL STRATEGY FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE LAND KNOWN AS THE KITCHEN GARDEN

The agent has informed OPC that they now have seven bids for the land, which have been passed on to the trustees. It is expected to go to "best and final" offers within 2 weeks. There was a statutory declaration that vehicular access had existed over the Close path. Since 1989 the owners had rights of access to the kitchen garden. There was a possibility of a statutory declaration by the owners regarding access. It was pointed out that the 25 year overage on any sale may preclude any development within that period and this may affect value for prospective purchasers.

Possible funding possibilities were discussed (Appendix 4 – private and confidential).

It was agreed that crowd funding was a good route to elicit funds from the community and that OPC would start to publicise the project and request donations. The Chairman would design a leaflet to that end and it was unanimously agreed that Cllr Hale should work with the office to establish a funding platform using the 3rd party "crowdfunder" solution.

There was a round table discussion as to what OPC should regard as a maximum offer for the kitchen garden based on the current level of funding. As resolution was proposed and agreed by the majority of Cllrs for OPC's maximum offer based on the current financial resources and that Cllrs Faulkner and Stewart would be delegated to pursue the matter on behalf of OPC (Appendix 1 - private and confidential).

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10pm.

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