

The Land Committee meeting minutes held on Friday 11th October 2024, 11:00 am at Sparkes Pavilion

Cllrs Present:

G Pharo (GP), (Chair), J Langley (JL), K Williamson (KW)

Present: Mrs J Scarff Proper Officer & RFO.

No members of the public (MOP's)

There were no public questions.

1. To elect a chair for the committee

Resolved that GP become chair

2. To elect a vice chair for the committee

Resolved that JL become vice chair

3. To receive and accept apologies and reasons for absence in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 S 85 (1).

Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Cheshire

4. Disclosure of Interests - In accordance with the Localism Act 2011 to receive any disclosure by Members of personal interests in matters on the agenda, the nature of the interest and whether the member regards the interest as prejudicial under the terms of the Revised Code of Members Conduct

No interests disclosed

To consider granting any dispensations.

No dispensations requested

Any changes to register of interests should be notified to the clerk immediately.

5. Public Questions - In accordance with standing orders **ten minutes** are available for the Public to express a view or ask a question on **relevant matters on the following agenda**. Members of the public are welcome and encouraged to stay and observe the rest of the meeting.

There were no members of the public at this time.

6. Exclusion of the Public - To exclude the public for a particular agenda item the following resolution must be passed.

‘Under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature or other special reason (to be specified) of the business to be transacted.’

Resolved that the public would be excused from item 7 due to the confidential nature of the business.

- 7. Public Questions** - In accordance with standing orders **ten minutes** are available for the Public to express a view or ask a question on **relevant matters on the following agenda**. Members of the public are welcome and encouraged to stay and observe the rest of the meeting.

8. Business to be transacted.

a To agree the terms of reference for the committee.

Resolved: The Terms of Reference were approved and it was agreed that the committee could be combined with the Highways and verges committee, the clerk was asked to adjust the TOR for the Highways and verges committee accordingly.

b To discuss the Memorial Hall carpark lease and agree any actions required.

The clerk explained the current situation and rules governing how parish councils are expected to obtain best value and when this can be altered. The clerk recommended that a solicitor is appointed and their advice taken as to the best way to ensure the ongoing usage and the terms and conditions of that.

The negotiations will need to consider the area with containers on used by the Scouts, the shed which is temporarily in the carpark belonging to Muddy Boots and the area behind the containers that the PC had previously agreed (March 2021) that Muddy Boots could use as a foraging area.

There will be costs and the full council will need to delegate powers to the committee to incur professional costs. This may just be a solicitor but may also need to be a land surveyor to establish the value of the land.

Resolved the clerk should approach a solicitor to get some advice as to the best way forward.

9. Date of next meeting.

The next meeting will be held Friday 22nd November 2024 0930am at Sparkes Pavilion - tbc.