

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF STAPLEHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Virtual Meeting via Zoom video-conference
Tuesday 25th August 2020 at 7.00p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Bowden, Buller, Castro, Forward, George, McNeill, Miller, Perry, Rawlinson, Spearink, Thomas and Riordan who was in the chair.
Assistant to the Parish Clerk: Mr MJ Westwood

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from Councillor Sharp, which were accepted.
Councillor Lain-Rose was absent.

COUNCILLOR DECLARATIONS regarding items on the Agenda:

Changes to the Register of Interests – none were declared.

Interests in Items on the Agenda – Councillors Riordan and Perry declared an interest in the Jubilee Field agenda item due to their respective positions of Chairman and Trustee of the Jubilee Field Management Committee.

Requests for Dispensation – Chairman Riordan stated that he wished to exercise the dispensation granted (Min 1778) in accordance with Section 33(2)(c) of the Localism Act 2011 to participate in discussion and voting on the Jubilee Field agenda item. Councillor Perry was granted dispensation in accordance with Section 33(2)(c) of the Localism Act 2011 to participate in discussion and voting on the Jubilee Field agenda item.

FINANCE REPORT & PROPOSAL

1. Jubilee Field – Request to approve expenditure from the 'Professional Fees' budget to obtain solicitors' advice on a proposed Management and Maintenance Agreement covering Jubilee Field (for decision). Chairman Riordan introduced the report prepared by the Assistant to the Parish Clerk and commented that he believed it was an important step towards clarifying responsibilities of the parties involved with Jubilee Field. Proposed by Councillor Forward, seconded by Councillor Perry, it was RESOLVED to APPROVE expenditure of £500 from the 'Professional Fees' budget to obtain advice from Warners solicitors about a proposed Management and Maintenance Agreement covering Jubilee Field.

SPECIAL MOTION & REPORT - for decision or noting:

1. To move that the public be excluded from item 2 due to its confidential nature. There being no members of the public present, the motion to exclude was not moved and discussion of item 2 proceeded in confidential session.
2. To consider Employment Group's confidential report and recommendation dated 20/08/2020 relating to an urgent staff matter (for decision). After a full discussion, proposed by Chairman Riordan, seconded by Councillor Perry, it was RESOLVED to APPROVE the recommendation of the Employment Group's confidential report dated 20/08/20.

Chairman.....

PUBLIC FORUM:

No members of the public were in attendance.

Proceedings finished at 7.50pm