

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE FULL COUNCIL

7.00pm Wednesday 29TH April 2019

The Old Courthouse, Burgage, Southwell

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Minutes

Present : Cllrs D Martin (Chairman), B Prentice, P Harris, P Brooker, K Ashworth, P Rainbow, M Jeffrey, L Harris, P Scorer, S Thompstone, S Rodgers, S Reynolds, Cllr Brock, A Gregory

In Attendance : T Broughton (Clerk to the Town Council)

Members of the Public: 3 Members of the public
Chairman welcomed all in attendance. –

Cllr Harris is recording the meeting.

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Handley (Personal)

AGREED

Proposed Cllr Gregory, Seconded Cllr Jeffrey

To accept Cllr Handley apologies

Unanimous

2 To receive any declarations of interest

Members are hereby reminded that, under the provisions of sections 26-34 and Schedule 4 of the Localism Act 2011, a member with a Disclosable pecuniary interest of which they are aware in a matter who attends a meeting of the council at which the matter is considered must disclose to that meeting the existence and nature of that interest at the commencement of that consideration, or when the interest becomes apparent.

None

3 Chairman's Announcements

None

4 Opportunity for questions from Members of the Public–

One member of the public asked what the Agenda item regarding the Tourist Information Centre was about. They went on to ask Tourist Information Centre will be closed. Also a question was asked if the Tourist Information Centre would be moving from the Minster Centre. A request was made for the volunteers to be informed as soon as possible. The Council wish to reiterate that the volunteers are very much appreciated with all the work that they do.

5 Members to resolve to make a decision on the signing of the final Deed of Variation Document to reflect the Council's resolution No 15 Minutes Full Council dated 17th April 2019

The parties to the agreement have stated that the deeds must be signed by April 30th or the investors will not go ahead with further investment into Moorfield Court.

It was stated that there was no point in having lengthy debate as the investors will pull out if the Town Council does not agree to sign the documents.

One member stated that there was a real point looking at the document and the investment was actually two flats not four. It was stated that the kitchen area of the development was safe. It was stated that the definition of 'frail elderly' is significant as the council sold the land at a low cost due to the fact that the town was losing homes for the residents who were considered to be frail elderly. It was stated that the NCC Policy at present is very clear in its definition of 'frail elderly'. It was stated that nobody can confirm that the policy would not change in future years or when NCC have a new Council. It was stated that there is a danger that a future County Council could change the policy. It was stated that the term 'frail elderly' should be in the document and not just in the NCC policy. It was felt that this is an error and should be brought to NCC and the investors attention.

It was stated that signing the document would be signing it in alignment with the current NCC policy.

It was stated that nomination rights would be retained on two of the flats and there will be four dwellings in total.

It was stated that it would be beneficial for Southwell residents that NCC retain the policy that relates to the Deed of Variation to be dated April/May 2019.

AGREED

Proposed Cllr Jeffrey, Seconded Cllr Gregory

To authorise the Clerk to the Council to sign the documents to agree to the investment into Moorfield Court.

Unanimous

AGREED

Proposed Cllr L Harris, Seconded Cllr Ashworth

To authorise the Clerk to send a letter to accompany the Deed of Variation that makes the request that the NCC Policies remain unchanged with the definition of 'frail elderly' that is in the amended Deed of Variation.

Unanimous

One member wished to make a request for the Council not to go into closed session and all discussions relating to the Tourist Information Centre remain public. Clerk to the Town Council reminded members that discussions will be paid staff and unpaid staff and therefore should remain in closed session.

- 6 To Resolve on whether the Council will move into closed session in accordance with the Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960 as amended by Section 100 of the Local Government Act 1972 for the following confidential item relating to, Events and Tourism Matters.**

AGREED

Proposed Cllr Gregory, Seconded Cllr Prentice

To enter closed session

12 For 2 Against

One member stated that it was disappointing that no paper had been received. Clerk to the Town Council explained that the final information had only been received a few days ago and therefore had not been able to put a paper together. She went on to confirm that she will be delivering a verbal report.

It was stated that all people involved should have the information at the same message.

7 Events and Tourism Matters – The Tourist Information Centre within the Town

Town Clerk explained the time line of discussions relating to the possible relocation the Tourist Information Centre. It was stated that a move to the library would increase opening hours, make it more accessible to more visitors. One member was concerned that the Library is not on the main tourist route. However, new signage can be considered. There will be a significant reduction in council funding to relocate and accessibility will be improved. It has been suggested to move from the 1st April 2020. One member felt that it would be better to have further Council discussions to debate this. Clerk to the Town Council stated that she did not feel that a potential new council would be in a position to make decisions on a long ongoing project of relocating the Tourist Information and that this current council is the one that has worked through a lot of change. She went on to advise that time would be needed if the decision was to relocate and the benefit of having many more months would ease the transition greatly.

AGREED

Proposed Cllr Brooker, Seconded Cllr Gregory

To relocate the Tourist Information Centre to the Bramley Centre Library, King Street from 1st April 2020 and to authorise the Clerk to make the necessary negotiations

10 For 2 Against 2 Abstain

Clerk to the Town Council to form a letter to send to the volunteers immediately and to inform the Dean of the Minster.

Meeting closed at 19.47

Signed Date:.....
Chairman, Southwell Town Council