

HOLME VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL (GRAVESHIP OF HOLME) LAND CHARITY

MINUTES OF THE CHARITY COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 04 NOVEMBER 2009

Those present :

Chairman : Cllr C M Kaye

Vice-Chairman : Cllr P Robinson

Councillors : Cllr Mrs R Bratt, Cllr G Cropper, Cllr B A Smith

Officers : Mrs S S Barber, Mrs M A Bewick

09 44 To accept apologies for absence

An apology was accepted from Cllr T Dearnley. It was noted that Cllr Dearnley had offered his resignation from this Committee, due to work commitments.

Cllr C Greaves was in attendance as an observer.

Mr R P Dixon of the appointed auctioneers, Wm Sykes & Sons, was in attendance, to address Members on the auction arrangements.

09 45 To consider whether items on the agenda should be discussed in private session

RESOLVED: That items 6 (To consider action in relation to specific sites) and 7 (Action Plan) be discussed in private session, on the grounds that the matters to be considered are of a confidential nature.

09 46 To receive Members' declarations of interest in items on the agenda

None were given.

09 47 Action Plan

It was proposed and seconded that items 7(1) (First Auction of sites) and 7(3) Future use of other sites held by the Charity) on the Agenda be taken first in priority order, to allow Mr R P Dixon, representing Wm Sykes & Sons, the appointed Auctioneers, to address Members.

The Clerk left the meeting at this point.

(1) First auction of sites: Members approved the sales particulars produced by Wm Sykes & Sons, and noted the arrangements to advertise the auction, to be held on Tuesday 1 December 2009 at 7.30pm, at the Huntsman, Holmfirth. Members also approved the Solicitor's proposed contract, subject to no anomalies or additions; it was agreed that the Officer should liaise with the Solicitor, for a final version of the Contract to be produced ready for signature by Members of the Council (as Trustee).

RESOLVED: (i) That the sales particulars produced by Wm Sykes & Sons be approved.
(ii) That the Solicitor's proposed contract be approved, subject to no anomalies or additions; delegated authority to be given to the Officer to approve the final version of the Contract, with authority to arrange an additional meeting before the auction, if necessary, to finalise any arrangements for the auction and to sign the Contract.

(iii) Reserves to be set immediately before the auction, by Cllrs Mrs Bratt, Kaye and Robinson.

(2) Future use of other sites held by the Charity: Members agreed that Mr Dixon should be invited to the next meeting on 2 December 2009, to discuss other sites where advice was required on development potential and other issues.

RESOLVED: (i) That Mr Dixon be invited to the next Committee Meeting on 2 December 2009.
(ii) That the Officer should provide a list of sites and details of issues etc. to Mr Dixon before that meeting, to enable him to prepare a report accordingly.

Mr Dixon was thanked for his attendance at the meeting and for the arrangements made for the auction; he then left the meeting.

09 48 To confirm the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 7 October 2009 numbered 09 35 - 09 43 inclusive be confirmed.

09 49 Correspondence arising from the Minutes

Nothing to report.

09 50 Exclusion of Public and Press

RESOLVED: That the business of this Committee now to be transacted be not open to the public or press on the grounds that the matters to be considered are of a confidential nature.

09 51 To consider action in relation to specific sites

(1) Cowcliff Hill Road, Strines Moor: Members noted the further action taken by the Solicitors acting on behalf of the Charity regarding registered title, and a response from the HM Land Registry.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Officer should contact the Solicitor regarding evidence of past use, in order for him to respond to HM Land Registry by the deadline of 12 November 2009.

(ii) That the second invoice submitted by the Solicitors (Minute number 09 05 refers) be approved.

(2) Top O'Th Bank: Members noted the query received from a local resident regarding registered title and the advice from the Auctioneer and Solicitor that the plot should be removed from the auction, pending further enquiries with the resident and HM Land Registry, to confirm registered title.

RESOLVED: (i) That the plot be removed from the auction, pending further enquiries as detailed above.

(ii) That the Officer should write to the resident to request that he provide evidence of title within 14 days.

(3) Cliff: Members noted the incident of criminal damage (graffiti) to the Cliff and that the matter had been reported to the Police. The British Mountaineering Club had contacted Kirklees Council to arrange for the graffiti to be removed but it was unclear as to who would be responsible for such removal costs. Members agreed that, if necessary, the Officer should be authorised to spend up to £100 towards removal of the graffiti, but if the cost is likely to be more than that amount, the matter to be referred back to the Charity Committee for further consideration.

RESOLVED: That the amount of £100 be approved, towards removal of the graffiti, if a contribution is required from the Council (as Trustee).

09 52 Action Plan

Planning Consultant's Report - Minute no. 09 33(3)(i) refers: Members noted the report produced by the appointed planning consultant, providing his recommendations on development potential regarding two sites.

RESOLVED: That the Officer should acknowledge the planning consultant's letter, to thank him for his report, and to request an update on additional sites on which he was asked to make recommendations.

09 53 Freedom of Information Act 2000 - to agree what information will be made available to the public

RESOLVED: That, under the Council's Publication Scheme, supporting papers for any item within the public session of the meeting be made available, if requested, after confirmation of the Minutes by the full Council (as Trustee).

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Chairman