

HOLME VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL (GRAVESHIP OF HOLME) LAND CHARITY

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL ACTING AS TRUSTEE HELD ON MONDAY 19 OCTOBER 2009

Those present :

Chairman : Cllr Mrs J M Roberts

Vice-Chairman : Cllr Mrs R Bratt

Councillors : Cllr L Bailey, Cllr Mrs M Bower, Cllr G Cropper, Cllr T Dearnley, Cllr R P Dixon, Cllr T W Dixon, Cllr C R Greaves, Cllr J Greenwood, Cllr P Hirst, Cllr Mrs J M Osborn, Cllr A R Otterburn, Cllr P Robinson, Cllr Mrs M Walker

Officers : Mrs S S Barber, Mrs M A Bewick

09 08 To accept apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllrs Bellamy, Christofi, Firth, Hall, Kaye, Searby, B A Smith and Mrs B E Smith.

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

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

09 10 To receive Members' declarations of interest in items on the agenda

Cllr R P Dixon declared a prejudicial interest in item 6 on the Agenda. Cllr T W Dixon declared a person interest in item 6 on the Agenda.

It was proposed and seconded that item 6(1) on the Agenda be taken first in priority order. This was so RESOLVED.

09 11 Action Plan

(1) Auction of 14 plots (13 titles): It was reported to Members that, following consideration of a number of quotations from different companies and discussions regarding various points within those quotations, Wm Sykes & Sons had been appointed as Auctioneers to the Charity, and Ramsdens Solicitors had been appointed as Solicitors to the Charity.

Mr R P Dixon, as representative of the Auctioneers, addressed Members on the arrangements for the auction and thanked the Council for its instructions. The Auctioneer and Solicitor were now liaising on the arrangements for an auction which would be held on 1 December 2009 at The Huntsman, Holmfirth. A draft of the sales particulars had been circulated to Members, for comment and subsequent approval, and certain arrangements relating to the auction were agreed.

Having declared a prejudicial interest, as a Councillor, Mr R P Dixon left the meeting during further consideration of this item.

09 12 Exclusion of Public and Press

RESOLVED: That the business of the Council 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 13 Action Plan

(1) Auction of 14 plots (13 titles) - continued:

RESOLVED: (i) That the sales particulars be approved, subject to a number of minor amendments and additions to be provided to the Auctioneer.

(ii) That selling fees for each site be passed on to any subsequent purchaser of that site.

(iii) That the onus is on any purchaser to satisfy himself regarding the condition of and any access issues relating to the land (i.e. Caveat Emptor).

09 14 Re-admittance of Public and Press

RESOLVED: That the Public and Press be re-admitted to the Meeting.

As Councillor, Mr R P Dixon re-entered the meeting.

09 15 To approve the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council as Trustee

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 3 August 2009 numbered 09 01 - 09 07 inclusive be approved.

09 16 To approve the Minutes of the Charity Committee

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 9 September 2009 numbered 09 25 - 09 34 inclusive, and Meeting held on 7 October 2009 numbered 09 35 - 09 43 inclusive, be approved.

09 17 Exclusion of Public and Press

RESOLVED: That the business of the Council 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 18 Action Plan

(2) Progress of Charity Committee on the Action Plan relating to the future use of sites held by the Charity: In the absence of the Chairman of the Committee, the Vice Chairman of the Council reported that the Action Plan had now been posted on the Council's website, arrangements for the auction were in hand and discussions were now being held with tenants, users and other interested parties on other sites not included in the auction. The appointed Planning Consultant was undertaking a tour of potential development sites and a report would be produced, for consideration at the next Charity Committee meeting.

RESOLVED: That the above be noted, and the actions approved.

09 19 To consider action in relation to specific sites

Cowcliff Hill Road, Strines Moor: Members noted the action taken in response to correspondence received from the Land Registry in respect of registered title. The Solicitor acting on behalf of the Council would contact the Council in due course, once the Land Registry has made its decision.

RESOLVED: That the above be noted and approved.

09 20 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