



Minutes from Extraordinary Meeting of Wheatley Parish Council Monday, June 24, 2024.

Present: Richard Barrett, Alison Sercombe, Toby Newman, Peter Ramsdale, Paul Gregory, Andrew Cooper, Anthony Shepherd.

Officer: Clerk

Members of the Public: 0

The meeting opening at 19:30 and closed at 20:26

24-25	Item	Action
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#45/24-25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllr Wilmott were accepted and approved, unanimously.

#46/24-25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – none

#47/24-25 TO RESOLVE TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC AND PRESS DUE TO THE COMERICALLY SENSITIVE NATURE OF THE ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED (Local Government Act 1972, S100(2))

Proposed by Cllr Barrett, seconded by Cllr Newman and approved unanimously by members.

#48/24-25 TO DISCUSS THE DRAFT LEASE AND HEADS OF TERMS FOR LITTLEWORTH FIELD (Public Health Act 1875, Local Government Act 1972 Sch14 p27, Open Spaces Act 1906 s 9 & 10)

Cllr Sercombe welcomed those present and thanked them for taking the time to discuss the draft lease and Heads of Terms from Oxfordshire County Council, which had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Consultation is currently ongoing to capture the communities' views on what they would like to see included on Littleworth Field. The findings will help steer a design and project plan.

Initial costings would include fencing, pavilion demolition, grass cutting and tree maintenance (as raised within tree surveys).

Cllr Shepherd raised concerns over the requirement to demolish the pavilion, which is on land not covered by the lease. Cllr Newman clarified the reasoning behind this and that by demolishing the current dilapidated pavilion, it would provide opportunities to provide a more purposeful structure on the land covered by the lease.

Cllrs Barrett and Willmott (who had sent comments to the Chairman in his absence) requested that

#7.1 clarify that a new structure would be relocated, elsewhere on the site.

#7.2 be reworded

#7.3 include peppercorn rental figure,

Schedule 1, content should reflect the wording as per letter from Secretary of State, e.g. 4.2 reflecting 'if required',

5.1 a is no longer needed

Dates on documents are not succinct and need to be consistent.

Superior lease to school is for 125 years with our sub-lease for 40 years.

Members reaffirmed their agreement to approach council solicitors to review the current document, alongside points raised in the meeting.

Advise to be sought regarding payment to school- **update**.
Payment would be treated as a hire fee.

The comments raised in the meeting will be collated and fed back to ODST and shared with WPC's legal team, who will review the documents.