Wheatley Parish Council Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 14th November 2017 in the URC Hall at 7pm

PRESENT: Cllrs R Bell (RB), A Cooper (AC), R Harding (RH), P Hood (PH), P Gregory (PG),

D Lamont (Chair) (DL), M Shields (MS), L Tully (LT), P Willmott (Vice Chair) (PW)

OFFICER: Assistant Clerk to the Parish Council

ALSO PRESENT: 2 members of the public

No Item Action

166. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Clirs P Bignell, K Foster, T Newman, I Roberts

167. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Lamont - Wheatley Playing Field Trust Cllr Willmott - Wheatley Playing Field Trust

168. TO CONFIRM FINAL DETAILS AND APPROVE THE LEASE OF THE HOLTON PLAYING FIELD FACILITY TO THE WHEATLEY PLAYING FIELD TRUST (WPFT)

DL and PW requested dispensation to take part in the discussion and to vote on this item as detailed in item 13 Code of Conduct and Dispensations of the Standing Orders. Dispensation was granted by the meeting.

DL stated the aims of the meeting and recapped on the history of the management of the playing fields and of the lease.

A detailed discussion ensued which included the alternative to signing the lease, the state of the current buildings and scheduled repairs, the substantial funding required in building new facilities, the proposed five-year timeframe for starting building work, the financial sustainability of the new facilities and the alternatives to building a pavilion.

There was concern that the council had not yet seen the WPFT's most recent accounts. It was agreed that the clerk should ask for these.

Action: WPFT accounts to be presented to full council.

ML

PH suggested that the advice of the WPC solicitor be taken to add "such that the design will satisfy the needs and demands of users" to the end of the second para, clause 4 of schedule 3 in the lease.

RH proposed a resolution that the lease should be approved by the council, taking into account the amendment suggested by PH. This was seconded by RB.

PG also proposed a resolution to defer the decision until the WPFT accounts were produced. There was no seconder.

A vote was taken on RH's resolution:

5 in favour

4 abstentions

0 against

Therefore, this resolution was carried.

PW offered to draft a report detailing possible alternative options for the future of the pavilion.

Action: draft report for the pavilion sub-committee to submit to full council.

PW