

WHEATLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 17TH OCTOBER 2016 IN THE MERRY BELLS HALL AT 8.15PM

Councilors: G Stephens (Chairman), R Bell, R Harding, J Carr, P Gregory, P Bignell,
R Reilly, T Davies, A Davies, S Coleridge, A Walkey, P Hood, I Roberts,
P Willmott & T Newman

Officer: The clerk - Gareth Morris

Also present: 9 members of the public:

68. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - None

69. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Cllrs Willmott and A Davies as members of the Wheatley Playing Field Trust

70. TO CONSIDER MATTERS OF A LEASE FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL TO THE WHEATLEY PLAYING FIELD TRUST.

- i) To receive a report and associated documents from the working group set up by the F&GP Committee on 18th January 2016 to look at the points raised by the Parish Council's solicitor to see if they should be included in the lease.

Cllr Newman spoke to the report that had been circulated with the Agenda and Cllr Willmott spoke to a report from the Wheatley playing Field Trust which had been circulated to all councillors by e-mail prior to the meeting

An extra clause should be included to allow the Parish Council to knock down the pavilions in order to replace them without it being in breach of the lease.

The clerk reported that a copy of the conveyance had been found and would be sent to the solicitors.

Cllr Willmott spoke to his report that had been circulated by e-mail to all councillors and a hard copy had been distributed.

Cllrs were then invited to ask questions about the lease

9.00pm The Chairman declared Council out of session and asked for comments from the members of the public

Mr Heritage on behalf of Wheatley Park School. Pleased that the matter of the lease was being resolved and the school wished to continue working with the Trust.

Mrs Easden – had been in the village for 40 years and was under the impression that the land was owned by the Rugby Club had no idea that the land was owned by the Parish Council

Mrs Gregory – having lost the playing fields on Littleworth Road plus the fact that Wheatley/Holton was about to expand it would be nice if some space on the Trust playing field could be given over to outdoor fitness, skate park etc.

Peter Ramsdale, Chairman of Wheatley RUFC. The migration over to the Trust had worked really well. Keen to develop other sports. The bar is run by the Rugby Club but all the other buildings are run by the Trust.

9.17pm The Chairman declared the meeting back in session

- ii) This working group recommends that the Parish Council agrees the draft lease as amended with the Wheatley Playing Field Trust

Cllr Gregory proposed and Cllr Harding seconded that the Parish Council agrees the draft lease as amended with the Wheatley Playing Field Trust

Cllr Gregory then proposed and Cllr Carr seconded the following amendment.

“On the proviso that the signing of the lease is put on hold for 3 months. In that time Wheatley Parish Council, with co-operation from the Trust, fully evaluate the merits of a licensing system for sporting clubs wishing to use Parish council land.

Further to allow the Parish council to examine the ambition and aspirations of the Trust to be financially self-sufficient. To seek input from Wheatley community as to how they want to see sports facilities developed Holton field.

Finally to liaise directly with Wheatley Park Academy to establish what they require from this Council in terms of sport facilities on the field.”

He stated he was authorised by the working group to speak to this amendment. Cllr Gregory then spoke to his amendment.

He stated that the animosity and rudeness experienced from 2 councillors especially stood out. He would give their names to the chairman after the meeting with a request that they be investigated. He then went on to outline his reasoning on the amendment.

Following a discussion, the amendment was put (a named vote was called for).

Before the vote was taken Cllr Roberts asked that Cllr Gregory’s statement be given to the Chairman to be tabled. The Chairman asked if Cllr Gregory would be willing to do that. Cllr Gregory said he was.

Those voting in favour of the Amendment - 2 Councillors
Cllrs Gregory and Carr

Those voting against the Amendment – 11 Councillors
Cllrs A Davies, T Davies, Willmott, Newman, Coleridge, Bignell, Roberts, Harding, Walkey, Bell, Reilly

Those Abstaining – 2 Councillors
Cllrs Stephens and Hood

The Amendment was not carried.

Cllr Reilly and Cllr T Davies proposed that the draft lease for the Wheatley Playing Field Trust as amended be agreed (a named vote was called for)

Those voting for the recommendation – 12 councillors
Cllrs A Davies, T Davies, Willmott, Newman, Coleridge, Bignell, Roberts,
Harding, Walkey, Bell, Reilly, Hood

Those voting against the recommendation – 2 councillors
Cllrs Gregory and Carr

Those abstaining – 1 councillor
Cllr Stephens.

This recommendation was Agreed by 12 votes in favour and 2 votes against and 1 abstention

Cllr Roberts proposed and Cllr T Davies proposed that both parties contact their solicitors to finalise the lease to be brought to the next Parish Council

This was Agreed by 7 votes in Favour to 3 Against with 5 Abstentions

71. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – MONDAY 7th NOVEMBER 2016 - NOTED

Meeting ended at 9.45pm