

Minutes of an extraordinary meeting of Shinfield Parish Council held on Thursday 20 August 2015 in the John Heggadon meeting room at Shinfield Parish Hall, commencing 19.30 hrs.

Present: Cllrs P Emmet, I Clarke, A Grimes, C Hughes, P Hughes, I Montgomery, C Moore, D Peer, R Pike.

Attending: S Roberts (Clerk), K Hughes (Assistant Clerk), B/Cllrs C Haitham Taylor, B Patman, S Munro, A Pollock.

15/42 Apologies and declarations of members' interests

42.1 Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr J Greenway and B/Cllr P Bathth.

42.2 There were no declarations of interest.

42.3 There were no changes to members' declaration of pecuniary interests.

15/43 Community Centre

Cllr Grimes reported on the business case document and appendices documents circulated to members.

43.1 **To consider and RESOLVE to proceed with the development of the community centre on the basis of motion (i) completion of the purchase of the Royal British Legion site and immediate sale of the site to the University of Reading, and to enter into a lease for 125 years at a peppercorn rent.**
Following discussion, Cllr Grimes proposed and Cllr Montgomery seconded and members **RESOLVED** an amendment to the initial motion (i). Members **RESOLVED** unanimously to approve the completion of the purchase of the Royal British Legion site and immediate sale of the site to the University of Reading, to enter into a lease for 125 years at a peppercorn rent and to grant delegated powers to the Chairman and Clerk, or their nominated deputies, to sign any necessary paperwork for the purchase, sale and leaseback.

43.2 **To consider and RESOLVE to proceed with the development of the community centre on the basis of motion (ii) commencement of detailed negotiations with Wokingham Borough Council over the design and construction of a suitable community centre appropriate to the location.**
Following discussions, Cllr Grimes proposed and Cllr Montgomery seconded, and members **RESOLVED** unanimously to motion (ii).

43.3 **To consider and RESOLVE to proceed with the development of the community centre on the basis of motion (iii) on completion of the purchase of the Royal British Legion Site, demolition of the existing building, securing the site, pursuing investigations of any contamination, and seeking appropriate compensation from the Royal British Legion.**
Following discussions, Cllr Grimes proposed and Cllr C Hughes seconded, and members **RESOLVED** an amendment to the initial motion (iii). Members **RESOLVED** unanimously that, on completion of the purchase of the Royal British Legion site, Shinfield Parish Council will undertake the demolition of the existing building, the securing of the site, pursue investigations of any contamination, and seek appropriate compensation from the Royal British Legion and/or the University of Reading.

43.4 **To consider and RESOLVE to proceed with the development of the community centre on the basis of motion (iv) agreement with Wokingham Borough Council on an appropriate governance structure for the development and management of the centre that is Shinfield Parish Council led,**

incorporating officers and members from Shinfield Parish Council, Wokingham Borough Council, including the local Borough Councillors, and representatives from the wider community.

Following discussions, Cllr Peer proposed and Cllr Montgomery seconded, and members **RESOLVED** unanimously to motion (iv).

- 43.5 **To consider and RESOLVE to proceed with the development of the community centre on the basis of motion (v) investment of up to £250,000 from Shinfield Parish Council's reserve funds into the development of the community centre.**

Following discussions, Cllr Grimes proposed and Cllr Montgomery seconded, and members **RESOLVED** an amendment to the initial motion (v). Members **RESOLVED** an investment of up to £285,000 from Shinfield Parish Council's reserve funds into the development of the community centre.

Cllr Pike abstained from the amendment to the proposal and from the voting on the proposal.

- 43.6 **To consider and RESOLVE to proceed with the development of the community centre on the basis of motion (vi) ongoing monitoring and evaluation of the project, with reporting back at regular intervals to full council for approval.**

Following discussion, Cllr Emmment proposed and Cllr Peer seconded, and members **RESOLVED** an amendment to the initial motion (vi). Members **RESOLVED** to agree the ongoing monitoring and evaluation of the project by the parish council members of the governance board, reporting back at regular intervals to full council for approval.

- 43.7 Following discussions, Cllr I Montgomery proposed and Cllr C Hughes seconded, and members **RESOLVED** the following items from the business case document which demonstrated that an affordable and sustainable community centre can be created which is adjacent to the parish hall and consists of a new building of between 560 Sq metres and 750 Sq metres:

1. Shinfield Parish Council approves the purchasing of the leasehold agreement of the Royal British Legion site as described in the business case document;
2. Shinfield Parish Council approves that it will request Wokingham Borough Council to procure all works for the building construction, subject to approval of the design by Shinfield Parish Council;
3. Shinfield Parish Council will undertake negotiations with Shinfield United Charities to provide the best design solution for the new and old facilities;
4. Shinfield Parish Council will provide £285,000 of funds from reserves to contribute to the purchase, demolition, design and construction of the new facility on part or all of the joint Parish Hall and Royal British Legion site;
5. A final business case will be brought to the council which defines the scale and scope of the building project before Shinfield Parish Council commits to the building works; and
6. The final business case will be submitted for the approval of the Wokingham Borough Council executive.

Cllr Moore abstained from voting on these decisions.

15/44 **Ryeish Green Sports Hub**

The Chairman reported on the sports hub decision taken at the Wokingham Borough Council Executive in July 2015.

Following discussion, Cllr Emmment proposed and Cllr I Clarke seconded, and members **RESOLVED** that Shinfield Parish Council continue negotiations with Wokingham Borough Council for its further involvement in the Ryeish Green Sports Hub project.

The Chairman reported that a meeting will be held at Shute End on 1st September to discuss the next stages of the project. The Clerk confirmed she will be attended the meeting, along with Cllrs I Clarke and P Hughes.

The meeting ended at 21.30 hrs.

