

DOWNTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the New Housing Development Committee held on Thursday 5th February 2015 at Downton Library, High Street, Downton at 8.30 pm.

Present: Mr Clive Emerson (Chairman) and Cllrs Cordell, Ford, Mace, Quarmby and Sutcliffe. Bev Cornish, Parish Clerk.

Two members of the public were present.

Part 1

NHD76/14: Apologies: Cllr Hayward, Lacey and Yeates and Mr Richard Fishlock.

NHD77/14: Minutes: Cllr Cordell proposed, Cllr Mace seconded and it was agreed by the meeting that the minutes of the meeting held on 7th January 2015 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

NHD78/14: Public Question/Statement Time: No questions or statements were received.

NHD79/14: Declarations of Interest: The Chairman declared a personal and non-pecuniary interest as he was a Governor of the Primary School and Treasurer for the Downton Primary School Association.

Part 2 – CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION – EXEMPT MATTERS

NHD80/14: Cllr Mace proposed the following resolution – ‘That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest, that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they be instructed to withdraw’, seconded by Cllr Sutcliffe and agreed by the meeting.

NHD81/14: To receive a report from Cllr Sutcliffe, as a member of the Selection Panel to consider the tenders for the appointment of an architect to formulate plans for the Memorial Hall extension, on the tender process and to make a recommendation to the Parish Council.

NHD82/14: To consider and approve the allocation of an additional £3,000 from reserves for the formulation of plans for the Memorial Hall extension and submission of a full planning application to Wiltshire Council: Proposed by Cllr Sutcliffe, seconded by Cllr Quarmby that a recommendation be made to the Parish Council to approve the additional funding.

NHD83/14: To receive a report from Cllr Mace on a meeting with representatives from Charles Church to determine the s106 funds to be allocated in the Heads of Terms for the Salisbury Road, Downton development and to agree on any action to be taken in light of the discussions between Charles Church and the Planning Officers at Wiltshire Council.

NHD84/14: To consider writing to Wiltshire Council to request that the Parish Council's fees for architects for the Memorial Hall extension are underwritten by the Education Department in advance of the relocation of the Downton Community Pre-School to the Memorial Hall extension.

Part 3

NHD85/14: Cllr Mace to propose the following resolution: 'That the business about to be transacted be opened to the public', seconded by Cllr Sutcliffe and agreed by the meeting.

NHD86/14: To consider recent correspondence from Wiltshire Council and the objections raised on the school's planning application and to consider the ways in which the Parish Council could assist in resolving the objections:

Following a lengthy discussion, Cllr Sutcliffe proposed, Cllr Mace seconded and it was agreed by the meeting that subject to a satisfactory outcome from the meeting to address the neighbours' objections being held with the Primary School on Friday 6th February 2015, the Clerk should otherwise write a letter to the Planning Officer stating that:

1. The Parish Council's support for the school's planning application was not conditional on having a MUGA.
2. The Parish Council supported changes to the classroom block to reduce the height of the classroom and its impact on the neighbouring listed buildings..

NHD87/14: To identify and agree on any next steps to be taken with regard to the planning applications submitted by Charles Church and Downton Primary School: Following a discussion, it was agreed that the unresolved highway issues relating to the development, as well as the need for an infiltration reduction plan should be discussed at the meeting to be arranged with the Planning Officers at Wiltshire Council recorded at Minute NHD83/14.

NHD88/14: Next meeting: Tuesday 17th February 2015 at 7.00 pm at the Memorial Hall, The Borough, Downton.

With no other business, the meeting closed at 10.00 pm.