

DOWNTON PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the meeting of the New Housing Development Committee held on Monday 5th September 2016 at the Band Hall, Gravel, Downton at 6.30 pm.

Present: Cllr Quarmby (Chairman) and Cllrs Brentor, Cordell, Ford, Hayward, Mace, Sutcliffe, Yeates and Mrs Nikki Wilson.
Bev Cornish, Parish Clerk.

Two members of the public were present.

Public Question Time:

Mr Rick Ladds asked for an update on the progress of the Lease. He also expressed his frustration with the revised designs for the school classroom block which he said were unacceptable.

Cllr Quarmby advised that he would provide an update on the lease in the meeting.

01.16 To Elect a Chairman for 2016/17: Cllr Mace proposed, Cllr Cordell seconded and it was RESOLVED that Cllr Quarmby be re-elected as Chairman for 2016/17.

02.16 To receive apologies for absence: Apologies were received from Mr Richard Fishlock and Mrs Alison Small.

03.16 To consider and resolve to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 9th May 2016: Cllr Mace proposed, Cllr Yeates seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 9th May be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

04.16 To receive Declarations of Interest in respect of matters contained in this agenda in accordance with the Localism Act 2011: No declarations of interest were received.

05.16 To receive a short verbal report from Cllr Quarmby on a meeting of the Working Group to consider the initial draft of the Lease with the Diocese of Salisbury: Cllr Quarmby gave a brief report on a recent meeting and advised that the Heads of Terms were currently being considered by the Diocese of Salisbury and that the parties to the Lease would be the Diocese and the Parish Council. He also said that the Clerk had gone back to the solicitors with comments, clarifications and minor amendments and the Lease contained the main terms as agreed by the New Housing Committee in consultation with the neighbours to the Primary School.

06.16 To consider and agree on the contents of and any changes to the draft Lease for the land in the Memorial Gardens and to make any recommendations to the Parish Council: Cllr Quarmby said that the Working Group was not currently in a position to make recommendations to the Parish Council as comments were

awaited from the Diocese and further work may be needed following advice given by the Parish Council's solicitor.

07.16 To consider a request from Mr Luke Martin, Project Manager for the Primary School's Extension, to approve an Access Licence over the land to the side of the Memorial Hall to assist in the construction of the Primary School's playground on the land to be leased and to make any

recommendations to the Parish Council: Following a brief discussion, Cllr Quarmby proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that the document be given further consideration by the Working Group for the Lease.

08.16 To consider the revised designs for the School's extension and to resolve to agree on a recommended response to be submitted by the Parish Council:

Following a very lengthy discussion, Cllr Hayward proposed, Cllr Brentor seconded, it was RESOLVED to recommend the following response to the Parish Council:

- Whilst it appreciated the work done to remove the Rodecca cladding, the Committee objected to the revised plans for the southern elevation because they were not in keeping with the Conservation Area, particularly the large block of white render and the red relief, and appeared not to take any account of the Downton Village Design Statement.
- Members preferred the design of the northern elevation and were not clear as to why the design of the southern elevation could not replicate the northern elevation, which was acceptable being of brick construction, unrendered, unpainted with red and being the same as the adjacent building of the existing school. It would also provide a consistency in design, particularly as the southern elevation was the one which would be most visible from The Borough and Conservation Area.

09.16 Next meeting: The next meeting will be held on Thursday 12th January 2017 at 7.30 pm at the Band Hall, Gravel Close, Downton.

With no other business, the meeting closed at 7.25 pm.