

SWAFFHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Extraordinary Meeting held on Monday 5th October 2009 at 8.00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Swaffham.

Present: Mayor Cllr D. Harman

Councillors: - Mr P. Darby, Mrs S Matthews, Mrs T Jennison, Mrs S Lister,
Mrs J. Skinner, Mrs P. Wade, Mrs C Baker.

Town Clerk: - Mr R Bishop
Assistant Town Clerk: - Mrs R Noble

1562. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- 1562.1. Cllr. I Sherwood –Work Commitments.
- 1562.2. Cllr. F Sharp – Work Commitments.
- 1562.3. Cllr D Wickerson – Work Commitments.

1563. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- 1563.1. Cllr. C Baker declared a pecuniary interest on item as a personal friend has expressed an interest in purchasing the Shoulder of Mutton site.
- 1563.2. Cllr. P Wade declared a pecuniary interest on item as she has expressed an interest in purchasing the Shoulder of Mutton site.

1564. ADMISSION TO MEETINGS ACT (PUBLIC BODIES) 1960 – following the exclusion of the public and press:

1564.1. The Town Clerk stated the deadline for receiving the tenders for the sale of the Shoulder of Mutton allotment site was Wednesday 30th September 2009 at 10.00a.m. Following this deadline the Clerk reported he met with the solicitor on Thursday 1st October 2009 to receive the tenders. There had been 7 interested parties in the purchase of the land with 4 bids being received, 3 of which were below the 'Brown & Co.' estimate. Which were £15,000.00 - £21,000.00 - £37,680.00 and the highest bid £256,156.00 from M G Properties.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting both the Deputy Town Clerk and himself would be attending a meeting on Wednesday 14th October relating to land for new homes in Swaffham. He stated the Councillors should be aware of proposals relating to the LDF housing allocation for Swaffham prior to making a decision on the tenders. It has been proposed for 250 new houses to be built on the old Redland site, Brandon Road. Following a discussion Cllr. P Darby proposed and Cllr. S Lister seconded for the Town Clerk to recommend to the meeting for 200 houses to be built at Brandon Road and 50 on the Days Field allotment site and surrounding land.

It was agreed with 6 votes for and 1 abstention for the Town Clerk to recommend to the meeting for 200 houses to be built at Brandon Road and 50 on the Days Field allotment site and surrounding land.

Cllr. C Baker & Cllr. P Wade left the meeting.

Following a short discussion on the tenders received Cllr. S Matthews proposed and Cllr. T Jennison seconded to accept the highest offer.

It was agreed with 4 votes for and 1 abstention to accept the highest offer.

Cllr. C Baker & Cllr. P Wade returned to the meeting.

1564.2. It was reported there will be a press release after contracts have been exchanged which should be completed by Wednesday 11th November 2009.