

SWAFFHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of an extraordinary meeting of the Town Council held on Wednesday 5th August 2009 at 6.00 p.m. at the Town Hall, Swaffham.

Present:- Mr. D. Harman (in the chair)

Councillors:- Mrs. C. Baker, Mr. C. Gunner, Mrs. T. Jennison, Mrs. S. Lister, Mr. F. Sharpe.

Town Clerk:- Mr. R. Bishop

1526. To receive APOLOGIES and reasons for absence.

1526.1. Cllr D. Wickerson who is away on business.

1526.2. Cllr I. Sherwood who has work commitments.

1527. To receive DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST for items included on the agenda.

1527.1. Mrs. C. Baker who has a prejudicial interest as her partner has registered his interest in purchasing the Shoulder of Mutton site.

1528. ADMISSION TO MEETINGS ACT (PUBLIC BODIES) 1960 – following the exclusion of the public and press: *To receive and consider confidential report from the Town Clerk and draft tender documents relating to the sale of allotment land at Shoulder of Mutton.*

1529.1 The Town Clerk had circulated copies of the 'Form of Tender', Conditions of Tender' and 'Special conditions of sale' There was concern expressed at the new covenant which restricted the development of the site to a residential estate. In order to bring consistency the Council considered that the scope should be widened to take in commercial use and rural affordable housing as this was also put forward to Breckland Council when promoting the site for inclusion in the Local Development Framework.

It was agreed unanimously to amend the new covenant to include commercial use and rural affordable housing; subject to this change all three documents were approved. The tendering process can start as soon as possible through until 30th September 2009 after which a further extraordinary meeting would be called.

1529.2 The Town Clerk raised the issue of the new CCTV contract recently signed by Breckland Council. A number of issues had been raised following a meeting held on 9th July in Dereham. These relate to a map showing the camera locations which had not been received by the Town Council and two other towns. Subsequently the Council had missed an opportunity of commenting some 12 months previously, this is in addition to the Council's three new camera location put forward at the outset back in August 2007. A very detailed response had been received from the relevant officer Grahame Green on behalf of Breckland Council. Whilst the Town Clerk can respond to many of the points raised, he recommended that the Council gain the assistance of the local members of Breckland Council to support a re-survey of the town as part of the new contract cost, as the Council are being asked to pay £2,130 which it is further recommended not to pay.

It was agreed unanimously not to pay the additional funds for a re-survey, but to request the assistance of Breckland District Councillors to request a re-survey paid for by Breckland Council as part of the original scheme. The Town Clerk was instructed to give an appropriate response to Mr. Green and summarise the position for the District Councillors.

The meeting closed at 6.40pm

_____ Chairman.