



GILLINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL

The Town Hall, School Road, Gillingham, Dorset SP8 4QR

EXTRA-ORDINARY FULL COUNCIL

MINUTES

29th April 2021

The minutes of the Full Council meeting convened on Thursday, 29th April 2021 at 7.30pm. The meeting was held remotely using appropriate technology in accordance with The Local Authorities Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 ("the 2020 Regulations") which came in to force on 4th April 2020.

Present:

Cllr Barry von Clemens, Mayor
Cllr Paul Harris, Deputy Mayor
Cllr Fiona Cullen
Cllr Sharon Cullingford
Cllr Rupert Evill
Cllr Mike Gould
Cllr Dennis Griffin
Cllr Mick Hill

Cllr John Kilcourse
Cllr Graham Poulter
Cllr Val Potheary
Cllr John Robinson
Cllr Donna Toye
Cllr Keith Wareham
Cllr Roger Weeks

In attendance:

Town Clerk, Julie Hawkins
Responsible Financial Officer, Debra Edwards

Press and Public:

There were no members of the public present

485. Public Participation. Please note: a period up to a maximum of fifteen minutes will be allowed for public comments and questions restricted to items listed on the following agenda.

There was no public participation.

486. To receive and accept apologies for absence.

It was agreed and **RESOLVED** to accept the apologies received from Cllr A von Clemens and Cllr Frith as they were unable to attend the meeting due to a previous commitment.

Cllr Wareham joined the meeting at 8.40pm.

487. To receive declarations of interest. Please note; members are required to comply with the requirements of the Localism Act 2011, section 27 disclosable pecuniary interests.

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests.

488. In confidence. Under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public shall be excluded during the discussion of Agenda Item no. 7 as publicity of negotiations is likely to prejudice the commercial position of the council in making its offer.

It was agreed and **RESOLVED** that under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public are excluded during the discussion of Agenda Item no. 5(a) and 5(b) as publicity of negotiations is likely to prejudice the commercial position of the council in making an offer.

489. To receive and consider a report from the Estate Management Sub-Committee regarding the transfer of public open space at the following:

a) Barnaby Mead

Cllr B von Clemens informed the meeting that, at the present time, due to insufficient information, it would not be possible to consider the transfer of public open space at Barnaby Mead. The matter will be considered as soon as further information is received from the developer.

b) Lodden Lakes Housing Development Phase One.

The following documentation had been circulated prior to the meeting:

- A copy of the s106 Agreement dated 22nd May 2015
- A confidential report outlining the negotiations
- Full and detailed costings

It was unanimously agreed and **RESOLVED** that the current offer from Taylor Wimpey to pay £25,000 for the transfer of the Public Open Space (POS) and the Biodiversity Buffer Zone (BBZ) is rejected and the Town Clerk is authorised to communicate that to the developer.

The meeting closed at 8.57pm