

HORMEAD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 17 November 2011 in the Meads Pavilion at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Cllr Robert Denham (RED), Chairman; Cllr David Ginn (DEG), Vice-Chairman; Cllr Elizabeth Collery (EC); Cllr John Kilby (JK)

Clerk: Colin Marks (CM)

Also present: Marty Kilby, Jo Rogers, Anne Corrigan, Simon Hossack, Reg Fallace

ACTION

11.265 Apologies for absence

- 1. Councillors:** Cllr G Abbey, Cllr E Harding
- 2. Other Councillor absences:** None
- 3. Others:** District Cllr Rose Cheswright

11.266 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Ginn, Cllr Collery and Cllr Kilby each declared a personal interest in respect of Hormead Village Hall.

11.267 To discuss and consider the options available to the Council regarding the Village Hall issues

(The Clerk made a statement to clarify that the minutes would not be a word-for-word record of the evening's dialogue, since that was not the purpose of parish council minutes. Rather, the minutes would simply record the general points of the discussion.)

The discussion between members of the Parish Council (HPC) opened up into a free exchange of views involving the Parish Council, parishioners and members of the Village Hall Management Committee (VHMC). The issues centred on the registration of the Village Hall land by the Parish Council and that effort that being frustrated by the VHMC inviting the Custodian of Charities to replace HPC as Custodian Trustee. Views were expressed that it was now unnecessary for HPC to continue its course of registering the land. The Parish Council had previously decided that since it had originally bought the land, it would properly complete the procedure of registering the land as agreed, and as invited to by Land Registry.

Many issues raised were considered to be outside the remit of the meeting, for example those relating to costs, and it was stated those should be taken up with the VHMC, as were discussions on the proposal of an alternative, more cost effective plan.

The Chairman reiterated that the Parish Council would continue with the process it had embarked upon of registering the land in its name.

11.268 To seek authority to obtain formal legal advice regarding the Council's position on the title issues

The Council discussed whether legal advice was now needed and, having considered that the Council's remit to the Clerk to register the land to Hormead Parish Council gave him the power to fulfil that task, including corresponding with Land Registry and the Charity Commission, it was considered to be unnecessary at this time.

The Chairman made a concluding statement that all Councillors, including those not present, recognise and fully support the need for a new village hall.

The meeting closed at 8.32 pm.

Signed **Dated**