

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Eakring Parish Council

Held in the Cator Hall, Eakring

At 7.30pm on Wednesday 26th June 2019

Present

Councillor R Ford (in the Chair)

Councillors, T White, R Brown, J Pennicott, E Shacklock and J Sweeney.

Also Present: 6 Parishioners.

63/19 **Apologies of Absence**

None

65/19 **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Brown declared an interest in items 4 and 6 as church warden and a Cator Hall Management Committee Member. The Clerk granted a dispensation prior to the meeting for this meeting.

70/19 **To Determine if any items are to be moved into Confidential Session**

It was **RESOLVED** to move Agenda Item 6 due to issues relating to specific persons and sensitive commercial information.

79/19 **Cator Hall Purchase Update**

Cllr Brown reported that the surveyor had been round for the second time and the report had been received.

The diocese solicitors have been in communication about the overage which states that if the Parish council sell or redevelop the Hall in the next 50 years for anything other than a community hall then the Council would be required to pay the diocese 50% of the profits made.

Cllr Ford noted that the price was £50,000 and it was in the hands of the solicitors to complete the contracts.

The Clerk reported that she had received word from the solicitors stating that access to the gravelled area should be dealt with privately between the council and the church as the land was not on the title.

The Clerk agreed to write to the church and organise a meeting to discuss this and the churches access to the toilets.

66/19 Public Participation

Members of the public raised that:

- The access to the gravelled area sounded like a legal agreement. It was clarified that it would simply be a written understanding between the Council and the Church in regards to the use of the area and access.
- As the right of way for the house is already in place it is unlikely that the gravelled area would be blocked off even if the Church should be sold or redeveloped in the future.
- The Cator Hall Management Committee representatives requested that they have a say in how the money in the current charities bank account is spent. They raised the money for a new kitchen and decorating and would like to see this go ahead. The Councillors noted that though they now had the running of the hall upon it's purchase they would not wish it to fall into a deteriorated condition and they would discuss the CHMC's request.
- It was noted that the Parish Council is capable of owning the hall and being the trustee of a charity though there are three different structures which can be used. Sole Trustee, Joint Trustee and Committee Trustee.
- It was also noted by the Councillors that the Council must manage and be responsible for the Cator Hall upon its purchase as it will become the Council's asset.

Confidential information

Items were moved in to the confidential session due to issues relating to specific persons and sensitive commercial information.

66/19 Cator Hall after the Purchase

a. Finance

It was **RESOLVED** to use the money raised by the Cator Hall Management Committee in the Charity to do the kitchen and the Hall's decoration.

It was **RESOLVED** to wind up the charity when the funds have been dealt with.

b. Structure

It was **RESOLVED** that the Council will hold the Cator Hall and any charities opened for it's benefit as sole trustee.

c. Management

It was **RESOLVED** that there would be the councillors, the Clerk and two outside members on the committee that runs the Hall.

It was **RESOLVED** the Vice Chair of the Parish Council will be the chair of the committee.

It was **RESOLVED** that Chair of the Parish Council will be the vice chair of the committee.

d. Staffing

It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk will become the bookkeeper for the Hall with additional hours added to her current ones as required in discussion with the Councillors.

85/19 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 3rd July 2019 beginning at 7.30pm in the Cator Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm