

**Minutes of a meeting of Extra Ordinary Meeting
held on Tuesday 15th October 2019 at 7:00 pm
at The Windmill, Meopham Green**

Present: Cllrs Buchanan, (Chairman), J McTavish, J Ogden, S Innes, M Mulheran and B Wade (from 7.15pm)

In attendance: S. Eggesden (Clerk) and J.Barker (Clerical Assistant – taking minutes)

Item 1: Apologies for absence

C.98 Cllr D Bramer, M Bramer, P Luxford, G Madgwick, A Rose and S Gofton

Item 2: Declarations of Interest

C.99 There were no declarations of interest.

Item 3: To consider the tree and vegetation work request on part of footpath NS258 and the offer of a Members Grant to Meopham PC from Cllr B Sweetland to carry out the work, as a gesture of good will

C.100 KCC Public Rights of Way are responsible for the surface of the footpath and the adjacent landowner for vegetation above this. The PROW officer had confirmed there was not a health and safety issue here. As the vegetation was not on MPC's land and carrying out work here would set a precedence for work here in the future and potentially on any other land adjacent to a footpath, it was proposed by Cllr Buchanan to not accept the grant offer from Cllr Sweetland for MPC to carry out the work here. This was seconded by Cllr Ogden and all voted in favour of this.

Action: Clerk

CLOSED SESSION

Pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 that due to the confidential nature of the next item, the public and press will be asked to leave the meeting.

C.101 It was proposed by Cllr Mulheran to move the meeting into the closed session. This was seconded by Cllr Ogden and all voted in favour

Item 4: To consider the letter received from Oriel Services Ltd in respect of suggested tree work on Edmund Green

4.1 to consider MPC's independent report

Cllr Wade joined the meeting at 7.15pm.

- C.102** Discussion followed on the information received. Zurich Insurance had been consulted and had today confirmed that they have written to the third party representatives to acknowledge their correspondence and advise that they are undertaking investigations. They have appointed a Loss Adjusters to investigate the claim who will be touch with MPC soon. Cllr Ogden proposed that no further action is be taken and we should wait for further instruction from Zurich Insurance. This was seconded by Cllr Wade and all voted in favour.

4.2 To agree to any tree work in respect of the above

- C.103** Item withdrawn in view of the above.

- C.104** The Clerk had contacted Gravesham Borough Council regarding the TPO on the beech trees. It was noted that the walnut tree on the TPO map was not there and members could not recall it ever being in the location marked on the map. Cllr McTavish proposed that the Clerk contact GBC to inform them of this. This was seconded by Cllr Innes and all voted in favour.

Action: Clerk

Meeting closed 7.23pm