

**Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of the Full Council**  
**held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 6:45pm**  
**at the Windmill, Meopham Green**

**Members Present:** Cllrs D Bramer, M Bramer, S Buchanan (Chairman), S Gofton, P Hasler, P Howard, R Knott, P Luxford, J McTavish, J Ogden, D Powell, B Wade (from 7.15pm)

**In attendance:** Mrs Sarah Eggesden, Clerk

**Item 1: Apologies for absence:**

**C.151** There were no apologies. Cllr M Bramer arrived at 6.46pm

**Item 2: Declarations of Interest:**

**C.152** There were no declarations of interest.

**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 items the public and press will be asked to leave the meeting**

Cllr McTavish arrived at 6.50pm

**Item 3: To consider the correspondence received in respect of the track to Green Farm Cottages**

**C.153** Members noted the correspondence received in respect of the track. The Clerk had consulted DAS Law under the legal expenses cover of the council's Zurich policy. A note outlining their recommendations had been circulated prior to the meeting and the Chairman read this out. Discussion followed. Members were not sure if the prescriptive right was for the property owners only. Concern was raised about a potential water leak in this area as it is very boggy. Putting a legal easement in place for the future was discussed and this could contain clauses, to be agreed with a solicitor, regarding who uses the track, weight limit for vehicles as well outlining future maintenance.

Cllr M Bramer suggested that before any work commences, MPC should suggest the builder removes the rubble currently on site.

Cllr Ogden proposed that as the council acknowledges this is their green, that MPC should pay for the work to the track, with a survey to be carried out by whoever is doing the work to ensure there is no damage to the water mains and correspondence should follow to the 3 properties to say that MPC are looking to put a legal easement in place for all properties around the green who require vehicular access over it. Cllr M Bramer seconded the motion.

Cllr Powell then requested to move to an amendment to the above motion, that MPC make contact with the contractor to see if they would make a contribution to the work on the track. This was seconded by Cllr Luxford and there were 10 votes in favour and 1 against.

The substantive motion was then considered. This was proposed by Cllr Ogden and seconded by Cllr M Bramer. There were 10 votes in favour and 1 abstention.

**Action: Clerk**

**Item 4: To consider the quotations submitted for work to the track across Meopham Green to Green Farm Cottages and approve, if appropriate, a contractor**

**C.154** Cllr Powell proposed approval of the quote from Hoopers and Sons. This was seconded by Cllr Howard. There were 9 votes in favour, 1 against and 1 abstention.

**Action: Clerk**

Cllr Wade joined the meeting at 7.15pm.

**Item 5: To consider the quotations submitted for the contract for the servicing of Pitfield Green Toilets and approve, if appropriate, a contractor**

**C.155** The Chairman reported that there is a closed sign on the toilets currently for GBC to carry out the work although this has yet to start. The work would be checked before the handover.

Cllr Ogden reported that Fairseat Nursery had agreed to take over the maintenance of the rose bed for free as long as we allow them to put up a small sign. Members were pleased with this arrangement.

The quotes were discussed. The Clerk informed members that positive references had been received for all contractors. Cllr M Bramer proposed awarding the contract to Sebias Cleaning Services. This was seconded by Cllr Luxford. There were 10 votes in favour and 1 abstention.

It was agreed to ask Sebias for details on how they would handle a reactive situation and if there is a charge for this prior to signing the contract.

**Action: Clerk**

The meeting closed at 7.30pm

Signed.....Dated.....