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Minutes

An Extraordinary Full Council Meeting was held on Tuesday 29th June 2021 at St Peter's Church, Chailey Green.

Present: Cllr. K. Jordan (Chair)
Cllrs. S. Avery, N. Belcher, M. Evans, M. Lethem, J. Millam, P. Olbrich,
J Tregenza.

Public present: None

In attendance: Mrs B. Newell, Clerk to the Council.

21/117.Apologies for absence: Cllrs. E. Berry, M. Cornwall, R. Penfold.

21/118.Declarations of interest: Cllrs M. Evans, J. Tregenza, both Governors of Chailey School. Declarations are not of a pecuniary interest.

21/119.Questions/comments from members of the public: None

21/120.To consider items not on the agenda which the Chair is of the opinion should be considered as a matter of urgency: None.

21/121. To re-discuss item 10 on the Full Council agenda held 15th June 2021 and the subsequent outcome regarding transfer of CIL monies (£6K) to support the School car park.

The Clerk explained that the vote taken on this subject at the last Full Council meeting was invalid because it was not on the agenda. The reason it had been discussed at that meeting was because the School/Contractor needed confirmation from CPC as to whether they were able to fund £6,000 towards the carpark before the 20th July when all other potential CIL bids would be discussed. East Sussex Association of Local Councils (ESALC) advised that an Extraordinary meeting should be held as soon as possible to discuss the issue again and to then advise the School/Contractor of CPC's decision before the 20th July.

Cllr Jordan apologised for not fully following the Standing Orders at the last meeting. Cllr Jordan believes that it is in the interest of the Council that we have "free and easy discussions" – and that colleagues are not held back if sometimes breaching the Standing Orders. However, as finances were involved, Cllr Jordan felt that he should have been more rigorous and therefore offered his apology to the Council.

Cllr Evans prior to the meeting had issued correspondence relating to the School and the carpark. Cllr Evans reiterated the need for the School car park; one of the main

issues the School has always had is parking when there is an event. Parents have to park on Mill Lane which upsets the inhabitants who live on the road. The former School building, now demolished, will be replaced by a grassed area (Cllr Evans outlined the area on the plan provided at the meeting). It has been suggested that this area should in fact be constructed as a cellular grassed paving, thus permitting occasional parking at major School events eg. Open Days, Parents' Evenings etc. This has been accepted by the Department of Education to whom the contractor on site has quoted £112,000. The DofE will pay £60,000, the School is putting forward £40,000 (which exhausts all spare money that they have), the contractor has offered a discount which leaves a gap of £6,000 to fill. The DofE require that confirmation of funding is in place before the builders complete on site by the end of term.

The Council still feel that the quote is extremely high and questioned whether a separate contract could be taken out once works on the School have finished at a lower price. Cllr Tregenza thought that there is a clause in the contract stating that the School could not do anything on the land in question for three years after the contract has ended.

The Council are not clear on the number of car parking spaces that would be available – they would like to know this and if the amount would be sufficient in alleviating parking on Mill Road. Cllr Evans felt that what is proposed would compensate for the loss on the School playground which accommodated approximately 40 cars. The proposed parking area is where the old school stood, all that is left now are the footings and in the previous plans this would have been a grassed area. Variants to planning now recommend a grasscrete network to allow for occasional parking.

Funding from the Parish Council would allow parents to park on site during an event and keep Mill Lane clutter free of cars. He also added that the area where the coaches park would be free in the evenings for parent parking.

Cllr Evans said that the School are keen to start the new term without contractors being on site; the School is not permitted to do anything on site while the contractor has his guarantee period, therefore it is probably not an option to go out to another tender. Cllr Evans reminded the Council that the amount in question for the car park (£112K) has been negotiated by the DofE and the School's Educational Division, we must therefore assume that they have done their research and carried out the necessary checks and are content with the figure.

Cllr Millam did not feel it wise to add CIL monies to a job that in his mind was vastly overpriced and asked if the Contractor could justify its costs. Cllr Millam went on to say that once the car park is constructed it would require some form of mark outs to enable efficient parking and suggested that the Council fund the marking out of the car park – this would justify where the CIL monies were going. Cllr Evans said that he would put this to the School.

Cllr Olbrich felt that it should be clear as to what the Council would be voting on; that is 40 car spaces and grasscrete (not matting).

Cllr Jordan concluded that in order to make a decision, a site visit must be made and for a member of the School to guide Council members through the project. The vote therefore to pay £6K from the CIL monies was not taken at the EFC meeting but to be decided at the Planning meeting on the 6th July. Cllrs Tregenza and Evans to liaise with the School to arrange a site visit on the afternoon of the 6th July.

Cllr Jordan therefore adjourned the meeting with the intention of resuming on the 6th July either at the start of the Planning Meeting or directly after.

21/122.To note and consider any implications arising from the Council's duty under section 17(1) of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998: nothing to report.

21/123.Confidential matters: to consider a resolution of exclude the press and public from the meeting in accordance with section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to meetings) Act 1960 in order to discuss items of a confidential or commercially sensitive nature: None

21/124.Date of the next Planning Meeting:
6th July 2021 at 7.30pm at St Peter's Church.

Continuation of Extraordinary Full Council Meeting:
6th July 2021 at 7.30pm at St Peter's Church.

Date of the next Full Council Meeting:
20th July 2021 at 7.30pm at St Peter's Church.