

REPORT ON AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD AT 7.00PM ON TUESDAY 31st MARCH 2009 IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS, THORNE.

Present: Cllr. C. Williams (Chair)

Cllrs. D.Barton, P.Best, A.Brookes, B.M.Chowings, C.Dallas, M.Green, P.Richardson, K.Redmile, J.Walker, R.Walker and A.Want.

1495 APOLOGIES

Apologies were declared as follows:

Cllr. G.Garth – Work commitment

Cllr. – Personal

RESOLVED: That the apologies be accepted for attendance purposes.

1496. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. J.Walker declared a possible personal interest in any retail development that might be discussed.

RESOLVED: That this declaration be noted.

1497. STANDING ORDER 58

Consideration was given to invoking Standing Order 58 in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted.

RESOLVED: That the implementation of Standing Order 58 be invoked.

1498. KING STREET LAND

The Clerk reported that this extraordinary Council meeting had been arranged on the understanding that at the Committee meeting on 3rd March 2009 the Council resolved to: **approve the sale in principle but that the Clerk be instructed to negotiate with the purchaser with a view to finalising:**

- i) An increased purchase price.**
- ii) Bona fides of the end users.**
- iii) A reduced timescale to completion.**
- iv) Claw back arrangement in the event that a different development takes place.**

These considerations had all been fulfilled and were reported to the Council.

It was RESOLVED to defer any decision pending legal advice as to whether it is appropriate to go ahead with the offer or whether the site should be put back on the market. The Solicitors advice to be brought back to the next appropriate meeting of the Council.

End of meeting.