

**REPORT OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7.00PM ON TUESDAY 8th
DECEMBER 2009 IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS, THORNE.**

Present: Cllr. A. Brookes (Chair)

Cllrs. D.Barton, P.Best, B.M.Chowings, M.Green, K.Redmile, P.Richardson, C.Taylor-Hatem, J.Walker, A.Want, C.Williams and M.Williams.

1580. APOLOGIES

Apologies were declared as follows:

Cllr. C. Dallas – Work Commitment

Cllr. R. Walker – DMBC Business

RESOLVED: That the apologies be accepted.

1582. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. C. Taylor-Hatem expressed a possible prejudicial interest in the King Street item having an interest in land nearby and said that she would leave the meeting for that item.

RESOLVED: That the declaration be noted.

1583. STANDING ORDER 58

Consideration was given to excluding the press and public from the meeting in view of the confidential nature of the business to be discussed.

RESOLVED: That Standing Order 58 be implemented and the press and public be asked to leave.

1584. STAFFING MATTERS

1584.1 Staff member T001

Following a long period of absence in July, August and September this staff member had been referred to the Occupational Health Doctor at DMBC. The Clerk reported that as line manager his duty, in accordance with the Council's policy on managing attendance, was to invite the employee to a meeting to discuss the implications of the health issues.

RESOLVED: That this course of action be noted.

1584.2 STAFFING WORKING GROUP

It was proposed that the working group should meet from January 2010 to the end of the Council session on the first Monday of the month at 9.30am.

RESOLVED: That this be approved.

At this point Cllr. Taylor-Hatem left the meeting.

1585. KING STREET LAND

A number of proposed amendments to the Deed of Variation already signed by the Council had recently been received:

- i. Timescale to planning to be increased from 4 to 6 months.
- ii. Purchase price revised from £725000 to £700000.
- iii. Deposit. In addition to the original £25000 non-returnable deposit, £5000 of the original £25000 returnable deposit to become non-returnable (to be offset against legal fees) rather than the full amount being non-returnable and the Council's legal fees being paid as previously agreed.
- iv. Minor re-drafting.

It is understood that the end uses still wishes to proceed as soon as possible.

The District Valuer has advised that this revised offer is not unreasonable due to the continued reduction in land values since May and the Council's Solicitor says that the Council is in order to accept the revised offer if it so wishes (subject to the DV's comment above).

It was proposed that the sale should take place on the basis of the amendments and a recorded vote was requested.

FOR	AGAINST	ABSTENTIONS
Cllr. A. Brookes	Cllr. P. Best	Cllr. P. Richardson
Cllr. D. Barton		Cllr. M. Chowings
Cllr. M. Green		
Cllr. K. Redmile		
Cllr. J. Walker		
Cllr. C. Williams		
Cllr. M. Williams		

RESOLVED: That the revised offer be accepted but with no linkage of non-returnable deposit for legal fees

End of meeting.