

LITTLE DOWNHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a Extraordinary Meeting of Little Downham Parish Council held in the Community Rooms, Main Street, Little Downham, on Tuesday, 26 May 2009 commencing at 7.30pm.

Councillors present: RC Stacey, in the chair, and DA Adams-Payne, DJ Badcock, CM Frankland, RS Martin (7.38pm), M Oldfield, BL Taylor, AJ White and KO Winters (7.45pm).

In attendance: Eight members of the Little Downham Sports & Leisure Committee.

Chairman's opening remarks – The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and emphasized that the Parish Council would not be making any decisions at this meeting in relation to item 19/09. Any matters for consideration would be discussed at the full Council meeting on 28/05/09.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - received from Cllr BL Taylor.

16/09 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None

17/09 TO ADJOURN MEETING FOR PUBLIC FORUM

7.37pm Meeting adjourned for public comments – No comments were made

7.38pm Meeting reconvened at Chairman's discretion. Cllr Martin arrived.

18/09 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

7.40pm It is hereby resolved in accordance with Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 that as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the controversial nature of the business about to be transacted at Agenda Item 19/09, it is advisable in the public interest that the public and press be temporarily excluded from this meeting and they are herewith instructed to withdraw.

7.45pm Cllr Winters arrived.

19/09 SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB PROPOSAL

1. To view preliminary plans and ask questions prior to presentation of a Business Plan and Public Consultation – The Committee presented their latest draft plans but informed that they were not definite yet. It was clear that the proposed building will encroach on the car park and play area, and be built on the pavilion, brick shed and white container areas. The new building will consist of an indoor all purpose area for sports such as 5-a-side football, netball, basketball, badminton and other events, kitchen, changing rooms, small gym, rooms available for the youth group, lift and a social club located on the first floor. Comments were made about the kitchen not having a second or external door but the committee assured that this is still to be finalised and full health and safety regulations will be adhered to.

The Committee informed it is looking into adopting a constitution. It will have the draft plans on display at the Little Downham Village Fete on 07/06/09 for public comments. The Council requested a copy of the public comments for consideration at its 18/06/09 meeting.

20/09 REQUEST OF ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

1. Little Downham Sports & Leisure Proposal

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8.45pm.

Signed (Chairman) Date