

MINUTES OF AN EXTRA MEETING OF THE FULL COUNCIL HELD ON 28 MARCH 2022 AT 7.00 P.M. IN DETLING VILLAGE HALL

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: H. Baker-Anderson, I. Bowie (Chairman), G. Bryant J. Clayton, J. Coles & R. Finn

ALSO PRESENT: K. Bell (Locum Clerk to the Council)

ABSENTEE: Cllr. C. Evernden

The Chairman, Cllr. Bowie opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

2022/041 Apologies, Declarations of Interests and Dispensations
2022/039.1 Apologies: There were none

2022/039.2 Declaration of Changes to the Register of Interests: Cllr. Bowie reminded members that any changes to members Registers of Interests must be submitted to MBC within 28 days of that change.

2022/039.3 Declarations of Interest: Cllrs Baker-Anderson, Clayton and Finn declared interests in the CIC Community Shop Lease.

2022/039.4 Requests for Dispensations: There were none

2022/039.5 Declarations of Lobbying: There were none

2022/039.6 Declarations of Intention to Record: No Councillor was intending to record.

As there were no members of the public present, it was proposed, seconded and:

RESOLVED: That the order of the agenda be varied to take the Matters for Consideration in Private first.
Unanimous

2022/042 Matters for Consideration in Private: It was reported that there were *only a few reasons as to why, legally, the public and press can be excluded from a meeting. The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Sec 1 (2) states "A body may, by resolution, exclude the public from a meeting (whether during the whole or part of the proceedings) whenever publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted or for other special reasons stated in the resolution and arising from the nature of that business or of the proceedings; and where such a resolution is passed, this Act shall not require the meeting to be open to the public during proceedings to which the resolution applies."* It is generally considered acceptable to exclude the press and public if the agenda item relates to the consideration of tenders, leases, purchases of assets, for matters relating to staffing covered by the data Protection Act and to consider complaints against the council or a code of conduct complaint. Following a discussion, it was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED: That for the reason given above the press and public would be excluded from the council's consideration of the following matters.
Unanimous

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Signed: Chairman **Date:**

2021/2022 National Pay Award: Following a discussion, it was proposed, seconded and:
RESOLVED: That the recommendation of the NJC for Local Council Services regarding the 2021/2022 Pay Award would be accepted and that the award would be backdated to 01 April 2021. **Unanimous**

Staffing Matters: An update was provided regarding discussions with the council’s solicitor. Following a discussion, it was proposed, seconded and
RESOLVED: That DPC’s solicitors would be advised that DPC wished to settle outstanding matters with the former Clerk. **Unanimous**
Confidential Minutes also refer

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DETLING COMMUNITY STORE LEASE: Cllrs Bowie, Coles and Bryant asked questions of Cllrs. Baker-Anderson, Clayton, and Finn, during this question time the following were noted:

- The Lease was due for renewal. DPC had been advised that as the renewal process commenced prior to the November deadline, the deadline could be extended.
- DPC and the CIC believed a new 5-year lease would be appropriate as it would provide a degree of certainty to both parties.
- The rent could continue at a Peppercorn level.
- It was noted that since the store had opened there had been several changes to the use of the property, such as:
 - Decking had been put in place (PC approved)
 - Fencing installed to prevent children getting onto the road and also enable dogs to enter the inside, but not the playground area (PC approved)
 - A bike rack had been installed inside the fenced off area (PC approved)
 - The fenced off area had been used for small café tables since opening in January 2020 (Custom and practice use)
- The CIC wished to pay for a retractable awning to be installed so that it would cover the decking from the door to the Store to the southern end of the deck.
- Some work was required to the grassed outside table area
- For future consideration would be the installation of Solar panels to reduce energy costs and add to green environment
- There had been some on licence sales and the sale of wine by the glass as well as “Pop Up” sales events.
- Congratulations were extended to The Community Store who had achieved at least 3rd place in the 2022 Taste of Kent Awards, the competition result would be announced on 12 May 2022.

At this stage in the proceedings, Cllrs Baker-Anderson, Clayton, and Finn left the meeting room which allowed Cllrs. Bowie, Coles, and Bryant to deliberate changes to the lease. It was proposed, seconded and:
RESOLVED: That the councils’ solicitors would be advised to prepare a draft lease. **Unanimous**

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MATTERS FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA: There were none

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Date and Time of Next Meeting: 03 May 2022 at 7.30 pm in Detling Village Hall. The meeting would be preceded by the Annual Meeting of the Parish. **Unanimous**

There being no additional business, the meeting concluded at 20.35 hours

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Signed: **Chairman** **Date:**