

STANSTED PARISH COUNCIL**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 25 JULY 2016 AT
STANSTED VILLAGE HALL, MALTHOUSE ROAD, STANSTED AT 8.00 pm**

PRESENT: Cllr Mrs Polly Falconer Vice-chairman
 Cllr John Brooker
 Cllr Mrs Sheila Goodworth
 Cllr Michael Osborne
 Cllr Daren Sefer
 Cllr Kevin Sparkes

Mrs Roxana Brammer Clerk

In attendance Mr Tom Sheldon Appointed negotiator

The meeting was deemed confidential and moved directly to closed session.

Item*Action point*

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1 APOLOGIES

140 Apologies for absence were received from

Cllr Harry Bott Pecuniary interest

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Goodworth, seconded by Cllr Mrs Falconer and agreed this apology be accepted.

2 INTERESTS141 **a Councillors under the Code of Conduct 2012**

None.

142 **b Tom Sheldon**

Mr Sheldon declared he was a member of the Parochial Church Council. The Director of the Diocesan Board of Education had considered he therefore had a conflict of interest. Mr Sheldon referred to a deed of 1846; the Endowed Schools Act, 1864 and the Education Act 1944 and its amendment in 1955. Subsequent to this, an instrument dated 17th January 1958 had repealed part of the Act and all church schools in the Rochester Diocese had been moved to the Diocesan Board of Education. Stansted School had been mentioned by name in this document. He considered that as this removed all responsibility of the Rector and churchwardens and of the Parochial Church Council, there was no conflict of interest. He had written to Alex Tear of the DBE but had not had a reply. His view was supported unanimously by councillors and in any case he was not covered by the councillors' code of conduct.

3 STANSTED SCHOOL

143 **a Update**

Mr Sheldon gave an update on the current situation and on the meeting with the DBE held on 5th July.

b Agreed Actions

- 144 i Obtain the barrister’s verbal opinion in writing
- 145 ii The surveyors for both parties to agree and mark out the boundaries on site.
- 146 iii It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Falconer, seconded by Cllr Brooker and agreed that the percentage of uplift on the marriage value would be the industry standard of 50% and was non-negotiable.

147 **c Potential Occupier**

Mr Sheldon reported that a potential user of the site had expressed interest and he would be meeting them and the DBE’s agent the following morning.

148 **d Land Tribunal**

The 6 month negotiating period would end on 25th November.

149 **e Meeting of Parishioners**

Cllr Mrs Falconer said that the Council should arrange a meeting of the parishioners to gauge their wishes. The Clerk advised that while negotiations were in progress the subject should remain confidential and that the Council should vote first on which direction they wished to take before putting a recommendation to the public.

150 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

No matters were raised.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.35 pm

SignedChairman

On theday of2016