

## **MINSTER PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held at the Library &**

**Neighbourhood Centre,**

**4a Monkton Road, Minster**

**on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 6.00 pm**

Present: Councillors: Mrs. Gimes (Chairman), Day, Quittenden, Dr. Jones, Goodman, Bailey, Mrs. Taylor.

Also present: Kyla Lamb (Clerk to the Council), Clare Wilsdon (Assistant Clerk to the Council)

#### **241. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies received from Cllrs Grove and Owen.

#### **242. MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

Councillors had no interests to declare.

#### **243. PROPOSAL TO INCREASE TADPOLES HIRE FEE**

Members were asked to consider a proposal from the Operations Committee to increase Tadpoles Nursery hire fee from £14 per session to £25 per session. Members have received 3 years accounts for Tadpoles Nursery from Mrs Burton for consideration prior to the meeting.

At 6.01pm Members **Resolved** to close the meeting to allow Mr Peter Burton to speak on behalf of his wife Mrs Ruth Burton to set out their objections to the proposed rent increase.

Mr Burton began by objecting to Cllr. Quittenden taking part in the meeting; he cited a connection with Tadpoles as a relative of the councillor had worked for the nursery in the past. The Chairman did not accept that this was a reason to exclude the councillor from the meeting.

Mr. Burton went on to set out why the suggested rise in the hire fee would make the nursery unsustainable, and how the nursery provided a valuable service to the community.

**Resolved that the meeting reconvene at 6.12pm**

The Chairman reminded councillors that the decision must be based on the responsibility of the parish council to manage public funds in a fair and proper way, and should not therefore be subsidising a local business .

Cllr Day re-iterated that the nursery is a private business not a statutory body.

A discussion ensued between members and a vote was taken.

**RESOLVED: that the hire fee per session for Tadpoles Nursery will increase from £14 per session to £25 per session with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019.**

Members voted as follows:-

FOR: Cllr Day, Cllr Quittenden, Cllr Taylor, Cllr Gimes

AGAINST: Cllr Goodman

ABSTAINED: Cllr Jones, Cllr Bailey

**Chairman of the Council**

**5<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

**Time concluded: 6.27 p.m.**

**MPCC DRAFT**