



## ALDENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of the meeting of the **FULL COUNCIL** using zoom video conferencing at 7.30pm on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

Present: Cllrs J Lefton (Chair), E Samuelson, M Cherry, D Lambert, C Kilhams, A Rubinson, H Jones & D Wickham.

Officer: P Evans (Parish Council Manager).

**185. Apologies for absence.**

Apologies were received from Cllrs P De Skuba & S Khawaja.

**186. Declarations of interest on any item on the Agenda – None.**

**187. To adjourn the meeting for members of the public to address the Council (in accordance with Standing Order 3e)**

There were no members of the public present.

**188. To approve and adopt the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020.**

These minutes were signed as a true record by Cllr J Lefton, and adopted by the council.

**189. To receive the Manager's report (for information only).**

This had been previously circulated and is attached for reference purposes.

**190. Chairman's Announcements – None.**

**191. To review the proposed lease for the booster station on top of The Radlett Centre.**

A report on this matter had been circulated prior to the meeting. Members discussed the proposal at length with many aspects of the heads of terms deemed unacceptable to the council. Most notably, the reduction in rent, the clause that stated that the telecom company could reduce or remove a tree that is in the sight line of the radio waves, and that the telecom company can place any equipment on the premises with the council being unable to refuse. It was then;

***Resolved that the PCM seeks advice from the Council solicitors on these points and reports back at the next meeting.***

**192. To discuss the impact of the Strategic Rail Terminal at Park Street**

A report on this matter had been circulated prior to the meeting.



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Cllr D Lambert added that he had received an update from officers at HertsmereBC, which although the site was not in the Borough, it is within the St Albans District, they had been in dialogue with them regarding the matter. It was also noted that the MP for St Albans had recently raised the subject in the House of Commons which was supported by the Hertsmere MP O Dowden.

There was a long discussion before it was

### **Resolved;**

- a) That the PCM writes to Helioslough asking for an update on their intentions re the site.**
- b) That the PCM contacts 'STRiFE' for an update on their campaign.**
- c) That the PCM writes to the local MPs supporting their stand on the Strategic Rail Terminal proposal and asks that they keep the Council informed of progress.**

### **193. To authorise the payment of accounts for December.**

A list of payments had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was then;

**Resolved that all payments appended to these minutes are approved, and that the BACS list is signed by Cllrs M Cherry & J Lefton to authorise the PCM to complete these transactions.**

### **194. The Full Council is asked to receive and adopt the minutes and approve publication on the Council website of the following Committees (In accordance with Standing Order 6.4.8).**

**Resolved to adopt the following minutes and recommendations;**

**a) Planning Committee meeting of 16<sup>th</sup> November 2020.**

**b) Finance & General Purpose Committee meeting of 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020.**

Re: PC Manager Report

(i) *That APC adopt items (i) to (iv) in the report, with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021. As they affect specific staff members the specifics will not be recorded.*

**c) Community Development Committee meeting of 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020.**

Re: Around Radlett

(ii) *That two hard copy editions of Around Radlett are produced and delivered prior to APC's Summertime Activities event and the Winter Fair in 2021.*



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(iii) *That the council gives 3 months' notice to the contractor to terminate the contract.*

(iv) *That advertising fees for both editions of Around Radlett in 2021 be waived to help businesses through the difficult economic climate.*

Re: Safeguarding Policy.

(v) *That APC adopt the safeguarding policy.*

Re: 100-year Celebration of Phillimore Recreation Ground – Sept21

(vi) *Recommended that the Finance and General Purpose Committee release £7,000 from the events earmarked reserves to be put towards the event.*

### **195. Items of interest from Minutes of other authorities (for information only)**

Cllr D Lambert reported on the Covid19 data for the Borough and surrounding areas.

The Chairman then moved the following resolution;

**That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s 1(2), the press and public is excluded from the meeting whilst pertaining to employees of the council or tenders are discussed.**

### **196. To receive an update on the Allotment Drive reinstatement project.**

The cost analysis from the project manager regarding the plans that included drainage, fencing and footpath improvements options was circulated prior to the meeting.

Members discussed this option which was within the budget allocated for the project. It was then

***Resolved that the PCM asks the project manager to prepare plans for submission to HertsmereBC which include the drainage option but replaces the fencing as shown on the map with hedging where overlooking of neighbours may be an issue.***

**Next meeting Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021 -- 2.30pm**

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.57pm**

**Chairman ..... Date .....**