

## Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting to be held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 9.15 am at Datchworth Church Hall

**Present: Councillors:** Tracy Chapman, Jane Dodson, Katy Feldman, James Garrod, Charlie Groves, and Mark Light  
Also present: Susan Hake, Clerk

To move that under Section 100(A)(4) of the local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the discussion of item 2437 of the agenda, on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of part 1 of schedule 12A of the said Act of the following description: in that it provides details of confidential Legal Matters.

Item No	Item Description
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| 2434  | 1. To receive and accept apologies for absence<br>Apologies received from Cllrs: Barker, Hill and Stowe,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 2435  | 2. <b>Interests</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 2435a | To receive declarations of interests from Councillors on items on the agenda                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 2435b | To receive written requests for dispensations for declarable interests                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 2435c | To grant any requests for dispensations as appropriate<br>None received                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 2436  | 3. To resolve to exclude the press & public from item 2437<br><b>Resolved:</b> Cllr Dodson proposed to exclude the press and public from item 2437, Seconded Cllr Groves. Cllr Chapman requested the votes be recorded<br><b>Votes,</b> For Cllrs Dodson, Chapman, Feldman, Garrod and Groves, Against Cllr Light<br><b>Motion Carried</b> |
| 2437  | 4. To discuss letter received from solicitors re Land Adjacent to 10 Datchworth Green, (formerly known as the Plough Car Park) requesting the return of the original donation of £270k plus interest, and agree any actions required.                                                                                                      |

Following a process of due diligence instigated by this Council, it was deemed by a unanimous vote that the project would not be progressed. DPC recently received a letter from the solicitor acting on behalf of the Donor suggesting that legal action would be commenced for the return of the £270k gift plus interest.

**Resolved:** Cllr Dodson proposed agreement to respond to the letter notifying that two Councillors and the Clerk are prepared to attend a Without Prejudice, recorded meeting without legal representation. Roythornes are requested to inform the Council whether their client wishes to attend the meeting and with whom. If professional mediation is required at any time regarding this matter the Council have agreed to cover 50% of mediation costs, up to a maximum expenditure of £500, seconded Cllr Light.

**Votes:** For, Unanimous

**Motion Carried**

The meeting closed at 10.15am