

BECKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL meeting held at Beckley Village Centre
on FRIDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2016 at 8.00pm

PRESENT: Christopher Broadbent (CB) Chairman, Mrs Lauren Dobson (LD), Mrs Tina Langmead (TL), Mrs Rebecca Parsons (RP) and District Cllr. Ian Jenkins (IJ).

IN ATTENDANCE: 1 member of the public.

Questions – to allow questions from the public for a period not exceeding 10 minutes. No public questions.

- 1 **Apologies.** Cllrs Mike Rowe, Mrs Deborah Ongley, Mrs Sue Evans and CC Ms Angharad Davies.
- 2 **Declarations of interest.** To receive any disclosures from members of personal interests in matters on the agenda, the nature of any such interest and whether the member regards the interest as a disclosable pecuniary interest under the terms of the Code of Conduct. None declared.

3 Jubilee Field and Frog Field - topographical survey.

Discuss a new, lower quote for a topographical survey received by the Better Beckley Project (BBP) from M.J. Zara & Associates Ltd. The quote provides separate surveying costs:- Jubilee Field - £645 plus VAT, Frog Field - £985 plus VAT or both fields for a total cost of £1,495 plus VAT.

The BBP requests that the PC gives them authority to commission M.J. Zara & Associates Ltd to proceed with the survey for just the Jubilee Field at this moment in time and requests a donation of £390.00 from the PC to be paid to the Beckley Trust which may be used only to pay towards the total cost of £645 plus VAT for that survey. The BBP has confirmed it will make up the difference over and above the £390.00 from monies it has received from activities such as the sale of calendars and a donation it has received from the Beckley Tennis Club, which monies are held by the Beckley Trust.

Jubilee Field survey:

CB pointed out that the PC could not reverse its prior decision in January 2016 not to proceed with the quote from ACAD Mapping Ltd to survey the Jubilee Field and Frog Field at a cost of £2950 + VAT, but could review the request for top up funding from the BBP in the light of this new information. The proposal is to proceed with the survey by M J Zara & Associates Ltd on the Jubilee Field only at the price of £645 plus VAT of which the PC would contribute £390 and the balance of £255 would be paid for by the BBP.

The council voted unanimously to make this contribution of £390. The gifted funds will be transferred from the Beckley Fund to the PC, and the PC will pay the bill direct to M J Zara and Associates Ltd on presentation of its invoice to the PC. A revised quote has been received.

The PC's contribution will not come from the ring fenced capital sum reserved for the BBP, subject to the PC's approval. **March agenda.**

- 4 **Public Questions** – not to exceed 10 minutes. A short discussion of the future track of the BBP. The general feeling was that in the first instance, low impact, high value projects would be considered favourably - for instance a hardened path from the entrance to the play area, seating, and improved or renovated play equipment, plus a dog hitching post.
- 5 **Matters** councillors would like to be considered as an agenda item for the next meeting. None.
- 6 **Date of the next Parish Council meeting:** 9 March 2016.

Minutes recorded by Cllr. Christopher Broadbent (Chairman).