



## FLITWICK TOWN COUNCIL

### **Draft Minutes of Flitwick Extra Ordinary Council Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022 at 7:00 pm at the Rufus Centre**

Present:

Cllr A Snape (Chairman)  
Cllr J Dann  
Cllr J Gleave  
Cllr I Blazeby  
Cllr B Meredith-Shaw  
Cllr R Shaw  
Cllr A Lutley  
Cllr J Daly  
Cllr H Hodges  
Cllr J Roberts  
Cllr D Toinko

Also present:

Stacie Lockey – Environmental Services Manager  
Members of the public - 0

#### **5299. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

It was **RESOLVED** to accept apologies from:

Cllr Earles – Funeral  
Cllr Chacko – Childcare  
Cllr Badham - Unwell

#### **5300. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

To receive Statutory Declarations of Interests from Members in relation to:

- (a) Disclosable Pecuniary interests in any agenda item – none.
- (b) Non-Pecuniary interests in any agenda item – none.

The Town Mayor advised that there was no Town Mayors Announcement section on the agenda, however there were two urgent points raised for Members information:

Members were notified that Cllr Badham would be requesting two month's sabbatical leave at the next Town Council meeting.

Members were also notified that the Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk were both unwell and that Chairmen would meet with other Senior Officers on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November to discuss reprioritisation in light of these absences. Members could expect an additional meeting to be called to action any urgent matters.

*Cllr Roberts joined the meeting remotely.*

**5301. PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**

There were no members of the public present.

**5302. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

a. **Outdoor PA System**

The Chairman advised that there was no supporting paper for this agenda item as the decision on whether to purchase the equipment would not be made until the Community Services Meeting.

It was **RESOLVED** to allocate £1117.58 from the Rolling Capital Fund for an outdoor PA system.

b. **Planning Application Land South of Steppingley Road**

The Planning Improvement Working group had recommended calling a public meeting to discuss and inform residents of the planning application at Land South of Steppingley Road.

Cllr Shaw asked if there was the possibility of collaborating with the local action group who had already promoted a public meeting for residents in relation to the application. Cllr Gleave felt that it was important for the Council to host a meeting, which would give out information on the application ensuring that residents had information for and against. This approach would empower residents to reach informed decisions about the planning application as opposed to only objecting to it.

Members felt that the Council should engage with residents on this planning application however there was some concern around managing residents' expectations of the Council's role in the process.

It was **RESOLVED** to call a public meeting to discuss and inform residents of the planning application for land South of Steppingley Road before the end of the public consultation period.

**5303. EXEMPT ITEM**

The following resolution was **moved** that is advisable in the public interest that the public and press are excluded whilst the following exempt item issue was discussed.

**6a. – Land Off Steppingley Road.**

Pursuant to section 1(2) of the public bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Council **resolve** to exclude the public and press by reason of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted.