

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Property Committee
held in the Council Chamber, Yaxley Parish Council on 15th November 2016.**

Present:- Councillor R Butcher - Chairman
Councillors C Bolton, K Gulson, J Lusted, M Oliver, P Russell, S White and J Willis.

In attendance – H Taylor and Councillor A Wood.

PR25. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received and accepted on behalf of Councillors A Bartle (personal), J Reed (work) and C Thorne (personal).

PR26. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor P Russell declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in item CF31 by virtue of being a co-owner of St B's hall and left the room during the discussions and voting thereon.

PR27. MINUTES

Councillor P Russell proposed approval of the Minutes of the Committee held on 20th September 2016. This was seconded by Councillor J Willis and unanimously **RESOLVED**.

PR28. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No Member of the Public wished to speak.

PR29. EXTENSION TO EXISTING OFFICE

Members discussed the contents of a proposed specification for the planned office extension (a copy of the specification is appended in the Minute Book). The Clerk explained that the electrics would need to be added. Members also suggested that those quoting be requested to submit a programme of work and be asked whether there would be any saving if the office was vacated during the build. Subject to these amendments, Councillor P Russell proposed approval of the specification. This was seconded by Councillor J Lusted and **RESOLVED**.

PR30. PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 – EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC.

That in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and by reason of the confidential nature of the remainder of the business, the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting.

It was proposed by Councillor J Lusted and seconded by Councillor R Butcher that the meeting should be closed to the press and public at 7.20pm. This was **RESOLVED**.

PR31. ST B's HALL

Further to Minute No.PR23 and having considered a prospectus for the property it was proposed by Councillor K Gulson, seconded by Councillor J Willis and **RESOLVED**

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unanimously that the vendor be advised that the Parish Council were not interested in purchasing the building.

PR32. SOLAR PANELS

By way of a report by the Clerk (a copy of which is appended in the Annex to the Minute Book), Members considered five quotations received for the installation of solar panels to the Austin Hall. In so doing, Members agreed that a structural survey of the roof was required as well as the rerouting of the wiring from the Austin Hall and Workshop to the 3 phase meter to maximise energy use and the installation of a new fuse board. In discussing FITT payments and repayment of the cost of the panels, Members agreed that the cost of the scheme be repaid from the Committee's budget over a period of 5 years and the FITT payments be used to build a reserve for the maintenance of the system.

Whereupon, it was proposed by Councillor S White that the quote from SCL for solar panels be approved. This was seconded by Councillor P Russell and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

At the same time, Councillor K Gulson proposed that a request be made to Full Council for £20,000 to be earmarked in the 2016/17 reserves for the project. This was seconded by Councillor S White and unanimously **RESOLVED**.

PR33. PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 RE-ADMITTANCE OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC.


That in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and by reason of the confidential nature of the remainder of the business being concluded, the Press and Public be re-admitted to the meeting.

It was proposed by Councillor R Butcher and seconded by Councillor J Lusted that the press and public should be readmitted to the meeting at 7.45pm. This was **RESOLVED** unanimously.

PR34. BUDGET 2017/18

The Clerk circulated an updated budget sheet (a copy of which has been appended in the Minute Book). Having gone through the various budget headings, actual spend against predicted and the proposed figures for 2017/18 and subject to a number of amendments including the adjustment for the solar panels, Councillor J Lusted proposed that the budget be recommended to Full Council for approval. This was seconded by Councillor P Russell and unanimously **RESOLVED**.

Meeting closed at 8.03pm

Signed 

Chairman.