

Deviock Parish Council

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MINUTES of the EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of DEVIOCK PARISH COUNCIL held at the METHODIST CHURCH, MAIN ROAD, DOWNDERRY at 6.30pm on Monday 25th October 2021

PRESENT: Parish Cllrs. Mr. M. Gibbons (Chair), Downderry Ward
Mrs. A. Thorpe, Hessenford Ward
Mrs. A. Robinson, Hessenford Ward
Mr. D. Cormack, Hessenford Ward
Mr. J. Croft, Seaton Ward
Mr. M. Wiseman, Downderry Ward
Karen Pugh (Parish Clerk)

1. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS TO SPEAK ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

- 1.1. To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda
None were received.
- 1.2. To receive requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any)
None were received.
- 1.3. To grant any requests for dispensations as appropriate.
None were granted.

2. TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies had been received from Cllr J Millidge (holiday) and Cllr J Candy (ill). No apologies received from Cllrs H Brockbank and S England.

Acceptance for apologies for absence was **proposed** by Cllr A Thorpe, **seconded** by Cllr A Robinson and **agreed unanimously** by the meeting.

3. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

To resolve that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) 1960, the Council excludes the press and public due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

Cllr A Thorpe **resolved** to exclude the public. This was **seconded** by Cllr D Cormack and **agreed unanimously** by the meeting.

4. CONSIDER OPTIONS ON THE PURCHASE OF LAND AND ASSOCIATED EXPENDITURE

The Chair updated the meeting with regard to the two Lots for sale at Seaton. Further to this, Councillors discussed the Parish Council making a bid or offer for the land and the maximum amount that should be bid at auction (or as an offer prior to the auction).

It was proposed by the Chair to consider for discussion £40,000 as the maximum for purchase of the land, in addition to any donations from crowdfunding. He invited comment from the Councillors. Councillors discussed the purchase amount and the various expenses that would need to be paid, to include legal fees and searches, a deposit to enter the auction, payment to the land agent and an admin fee.

Cllr A Thorpe **proposed** that the Parish Council seeks to purchase the land and pay a maximum of £40,000 from reserves, in addition to £10,000 for associated expenses. This was **seconded** by Cllr D Cormack and **agreed unanimously** by the meeting.

It was noted that all decisions made in this meeting would be ratified at the Extraordinary Meeting on 27th October. Any urgent updates in terms of the auction would also be provided.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 7.30pm.