

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 1pm on Wednesday 3rd November 2021

PRESENT: Parish Cllrs. Mr. M. Gibbons (Chair), Downderry Ward
Mr. J. Candy, Seaton Ward
Mrs. A. Thorpe, Hessenford Ward
Mrs. A. Robinson, Hessenford Ward
Mr. D. Cormack, Hessenford Ward
Mr. J. Croft, Seaton 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 M Wiseman (ill). No apologies received from Cllrs H Brockbank and S England.
Acceptance for apologies for absence was **proposed** by Cllr A Robinson, **seconded** by Cllr D Cormack 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 J Candy **resolved** to exclude the public. This was **seconded** by Cllr A Thorpe and **agreed unanimously** by the meeting.

4. TO CONSIDER ANY FURTHER ACTION NEEDED TO SECURE LAND AT SEATON

- 4.1. **To discuss any urgent business since Extraordinary Meeting on Wednesday 27th October**
The Chair advised Councillors that the initial offer made of £60,000 for both Lots had been rejected by the vendor. During subsequent discussions with the land agent, it was made clear that only an offer for both Lots, above the guide price, would be considered ahead of auction. Following further negotiations, and accounting for existing bids and developer interest, an offer of £85,000 for both lots was made and was accepted by the vendor.
The offer amount was made up of crowdfunding, donations direct to the Parish Council, and from the Parish Council's land reserves. All related costs would be paid by the Parish Council. Any excess funds raised would contribute to a ring-fenced budget for the sole purpose of maintenance and management of the land secured.
- 4.2. **To resolve that a contact to purchase the land is signed by the Parish Council**
It was **proposed** by the Chair that a contract to purchase the land is signed. This was **seconded** by Cllr J Candy and **agreed unanimously** by the meeting.

4.3. Any other actions required before the Ordinary Meeting on 11th November

It was **proposed** by Cllr J Candy that a 10% deposit (£8,500) that was required immediately on acceptance of the offer and paid by the Chair should be reimbursed by the Parish Council as soon as possible. This was **seconded** by Cllr A Thorpe and **agreed unanimously** by the meeting.

In closing, Councillors discussed that the next stage would be to establish a habitat management plan with the support of Cornwall Wildlife Trust.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 2.05pm.