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## **DURSLEY TOWN COUNCIL**

MINUTES of the PROCEEDINGS at the EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of the COUNCIL held in the Upper Room, Tabernacle Church, 3 Parsonage Street at 7pm on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2022.

Action Summary:

10694.2 Submit agreed purchase offer for Land off Hardings Drive to estate agent DJ&P Newland Rennie

### **PRESENT**

Cllr S Ackroyd (Mayor)

Councillors: Cllr M Woodward (Deputy Mayor), P Hayes, N Grecian, S Creswick, A Stennett, A Rowston, J Rubin, M Stennett, D Savvidou, T Kinnison and L Patrick.

Also present: Leah Wellings, Deputy Clerk, two members of the public and Stroud District Councillor T Hall.

Absent: Councillor A Whitwell

TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE 10689

Apologies were received from Councillors D Horn (personal), T White (personal), W Thomas (personal) and D Cornell (GL11 meeting).

MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST 10690

There were no declarations of interest.

REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC 10691

A member of the public in attendance, spoke on behalf of both present, to urge the Council to purchase the Land off Hardings Drive, Dursley for the use and benefit of the town.

District Councillor Hall echoed the public view above, that the Council should purchase the land for community purposes.

MINUTES 10692

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2022 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

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Councillor Patrick joined the meeting.

TO CONSIDER THE SALE OF LAND OFF HARDINGS DRIVE, 10693  
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It was noted that the sale details for the Land off Hardings Drive, published publicly by the estate agent with a guide price of £75,000, had been circulated to all members.

There was widespread support amongst members for Council to consider the purchase of the land for the future use and benefit of the community.

Issues of access were discussed, including footpaths, hedgerow, fencing, as well as potential natural low-cost methods of maintenance and grants that would assist.

It was noted that the land is a designated green space within the Dursley Neighbourhood Development Plan 2018 and identified within it on the Green Infrastructure map as grassland; it is outside of the settlement boundary, within the Cotswold Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and in terms of landscape sensitivity is identified within the Dursley Landscape Character Assessment as 'High Sensitivity'.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** to consider the purchase of the Land off Hardings Drive, Dursley by Council, for the use and benefit of the community of Dursley.

BUSINESS DEALT WITH IN COMMITTEE 10694

10694.1 To resolve to exclude the press and public from the remainder of the meeting by reason of the confidential nature of the business.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** to exclude the press and public from the remainder of the meeting by reason of the confidential nature of the business.

The members of the public present and District Councillor Hall withdrew from the meeting.

10694.2 To consider the detail of any actions identified under agenda item 5, minute item 10693.

Members considered the purchase of the Land off Hardings Drive, Dursley by Council, for the use and benefit of the community of Dursley.

Members considered the financial implications of a purchase, including the Council's Reserves Policy.

Members discussed an offer which would be funded from the Council's General Reserves fund.

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**IT WAS RESOLVED** that the purchase offer, as discussed, would be submitted for the Land off Hardings Drive, Dursley using the 'Full and Final Offer Subject to Contract' form provided by the estate agent DJ&P Newland Rennie, and signed by the Town Mayor and Town Clerk.

The meeting closed at 7:29pm.

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Town Mayor

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Date