

BUCKHURST HILL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ACCOMMODATION COMMITTEE HELD AT 8.00pm ON THURSDAY 7 JUNE 2018 AT BUCKHURST HILL LIBRARY, QUEENS ROAD

001/18 **PRESENT** Councillors: Mrs S Patel (Chairman)
Mr S Clark
Mrs J Forker-Clark
Miss G Reynolds
Mr R Sparrowhawk
Mr N Wright

Also present:- Cllr A Patel (EFDC)

In attendance: Mr K O'Brien (Clerk)

002/18 **ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN**
It was proposed by Cllr Mrs S Patel, seconded by Cllr Miss G Reynolds and unanimously AGREED to elect Cllr Mr B Nagpal as Vice Chairman of the Committee.

003/18 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
There were apologies for absence from Cllr Miss S Watson, Mr K Williamson and Mr B Nagpal.

004/18 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
There were no declarations of interest from Members in any item on the agenda.

005/18 **MINUTES**
The minutes of the meeting held on 22 March 2018 were approved and the Chairman authorised to sign them.

Cllr A Patel (EFDC) arrived at this point in the meeting.

006/18 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
There was no public participation.

007/18 **CHAIRMAN AND CLERK'S COMMUNICATIONS**
There were no communications received for this meeting.

The committee moved into private session for the remainder of the items to be discussed (Public Bodies [Admission to Meetings] Act 1960).

The Chairman invited Cllr Patel to remain for the remaining agenda items as he had specialist knowledge and expertise that could make a valuable contribution to informing the discussions ahead.

008/18 **LIBRARY**
The Clerk confirmed to Councillors that our solicitors had written back to Essex CC in accordance with Councillors wishes following the last meeting (ACC 025/17). To date there had been no response from Essex CC. The Clerk will keep Councillors updated.

009/18 **FEASIBILITY STUDY – PROGRESS REPORT**
The Clerk gave an update to Councillors on progress since the meeting of March 22nd, including information provided by Mr Biss. There then followed

a lengthy discussion, during which the Chair invited Cllr Patel to offer his advice on some of the more technical aspects. It was subsequently unanimously AGREED:-

- (a) that the Council would, at the earliest opportunity, enter dialogue with partner organisations regarding options available to the Council and report back to a future meeting.
- (b) It was also unanimously AGREED to set up a Working Party to examine options and related material in detail in relation to the Halls Review; to liaise with/get advice from experts; to meet with partner organisations and to report findings/outcomes to a future meeting of the Accommodation Committee.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked the Clerk for his efforts and those present for attending, and closed the meeting at 21:00.

Chairman

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