BUCKHURST HILL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ACCOMMODATION COMMITTEE HELD AT 8.00pm ON THURSDAY 8 OCTOBER 2020 VIA ZOOM

11/20 PRESENT Councillors: Mr B Nagpal (Chairman)

Mr K Williamson (Vice Chair)

Mr J Barkham Mr S Clark Mrs S Patel Miss G Reynolds Mr K Williamson

In attendance: Mrs L Petyt-Start (Clerk)

Press: David Jackman

12/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies for absence received from Cllr Forker-Clark

13/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest from Members in any item on the agenda.

14/20 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 June 2020 were approved and the Chairman authorised to sign them.

15/20 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

16/20 CHAIRMAN AND CLERK'S COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications received for this meeting.

17/20 COMMUNITY HALLS

- a) The Clerk advised the removal of trees adjacent to the Monkhams Public House had been completed. The structural monitoring of the Roding Valley Hall shall continue along with communication with the insurance company. The Clerk shall continue to manage the issue and keep the committee updated.
- b) The Clerk informed the meeting the Annual Gas Boiler Test at the Woollard Centre had failed. Consequently an order had been placed for the renewal of pipework because the failure had occurred as supply pipework had corroded. She noted in addition to the need to undertake roof repairs and ceiling tile replacement at the Woollard, the repair and maintenance issues at both halls are increasing due their age, overdue state of repair and low level of planned preventative maintenance in recent years.

18/20 HALLS DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

a) The committee discussed the next stages of the project timetable in detail, previously agreed by Council and noted there was a six month lapse largely due to the pandemic.

It was agreed to receive an updated timetable from RPT Consulting to deliver the next stages of the project.

There was significant discussion around the Halls Development Project: commercial property demands; the location of the new community hub; the history of the development of the project; the future use of the library; and the impact of the pandemic on future development plans.

It was noted that any development of the Buckhurst Hill tube station car park had previously been objected to as part of the Local Plan Inspectorate representations.

The Chair urged everyone to get behind the project, as it had been worked on for considerable time, with particular strives forward over the past year, and he referred to the next stages of the project that had been agreed at the last meeting.

Members noted concerns relating to the future use of the community hub should be raised within the next stage of the Feasibility Study (business case) with the consultant.

The Clerk referenced the Forward Plan and the items of the project contained therein which may be managed, as raised, alongside the development of feasibility.

Members noted they had responsibility to ensure any future expenditure is made soundly as this will be a one-off opportunity to 'get it right' for the community.

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

b) The fee proposal for the preferred architect was received. Having previously been AGREED, the Design development, the preparation and development of outline designs and costings to RIBA stage 2 (architect) to enable the detailed business case and business plan to be prepared (feasibility consultant) was noted.

Members agreed to hold a meeting with the Architect, Consultant Members and the Clerk as soon as could be arranged, so that the project may proceed to revised timescale.

19/20 ACCOMMODATION ITEMS OR CONCERN

- a) No items of concern were noted
- b) No items were provided for the next agenda

Thanks were given to Cllr Williamson for his negotiations with the selected architect and involvement with the Halls Development Project to date.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked those present for attending and closed the meeting at 20:57PM

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