BUCKHURST HILL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ACCOMMODATION COMMITTEE HELD AT 8.17pm ON THURSDAY 7 OCTOBER 2021 AT BUCKHURST HILL LIBRARY

11/21 PRESENT Councillors: Mr S Heap (Chairman)

Mr G Chambers
Mrs A Hall
Mr S Neville
Mr D Saunders
Mrs J Share Bernia
Mr M West (Vice Chair)

Mr M Vance

In attendance: Mrs L Petyt-Start (Clerk)

Mrs K Lumb (RFO/Deputy Clerk)

12/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies for absence received from Cllrs Goodfellow, Redelinghuys and Williamson.

13/21 <u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u>

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

14/21 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 June 2021 were approved and the Chairman authorised to sign them.

15/21 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

16/21 CHAIRMAN AND CLERK'S COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications.

17/21 ASSETS

The Clerk provided an update on the assets of the Parish Council.

Roding Valley Hall - the quote to repair the subsidence was yet to be received and had been chased numerous times.

The hall will re-open on a Saturday for Tumble Tots until the end of December.

The car park is now being opened/closed by the three nominated shopkeepers 8.30-6.30 Monday to Friday.

Woollard Centre – A repair has been made to the central heating system. Emergency Lighting Replacements have been actioned.

There is tension with users of the Centre and the Rifle Club regarding the car park because there are not enough spaces to accommodate everyone. Complaints are frequent.

The new one year lease for the Rifle and Pistol Club has not been produced and signed and has been consistently chased. The current lease expires 5th November 2021.

Library – The public network computers have been out of action for over six

weeks, ECC have not been able to resolve the problem to date. The significant building issues persist: water ingress; heating issues; pigeon infestation and toilet out of action.

18/21 HALLS DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

The committee considered and discussed in detail various strands of the Halls Development Project.

The decision to recommend to Full Council were made as follows:-

- a) UNANIMOUSLY AGREED NOT to Demolish Roding Valley Hall and use the space for something else
- b) UNANIMOUSLY AGREED NOT to commence a new feasibility and options appraisal for the future of the halls
- AGREED by Chair casting vote to continue with the plan to rebuild RVH with slight modifications, review the architects design and agree changes
- d) AGREED by majority NOT To repair and improve both the RVH and the Woollard Centre and continue to provide spaces for rent and some library facilities not a fully stocked library.
- e) UNANIMOUSLY AGREED NOT to consider the library for development and develop it as a community hub
- f) AGREED by Chair casting vote to not rebuild RVH like for like
- g) The motion to consolidate the halls provision or to retain both halls was withdrawn
- h) UNANIMOUSLY AGREED to re-open the RVH and re-start operating two halls. The RVH should re-open in full (subject to confirmation of being structural sound and safe) for the duration of 2022 with a review to be undertaken in autumn 2022.

19/21 ACCOMMODATION ITEMS OF CONCERN

 a) A concern was raised regarding conservative member's attendance at meetings. It was stated there had been no boycotting of meetings.

A member noted he did not wish to lose the option of a single storey credible development.

There being no further business the Chairman closed	I the meeting at 21:25PM
	Chairman