

Minutes of the EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE on Tuesday 15 December 2020 at 8.00pm via Zoom video conferencing

Cllrs.	Cllr S Jefferys (Chairman) (SJ) Cllr A Head (AWH) Cllr E Austin (EA) Cllr M Hagon (MEH) Cllr S Bhinder-Dhonsi (SBD)	Cllr M Skelton (MS) Cllr S Sproul (SS) Cllr J Walsh (JW) Cllr S Williams (SW) Clerk – Jagjit Brar
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Agenda No	Agenda Item	
20201213/01	Welcome & Acceptance of Apologies for Absence See above	
20201213/02	Declaration of Interests None	
20201213/03	Delegated Authority to Working Party for Planning Application PL/20/4026/FA - Former Tilehouse Day Opportunity Centre (Former Red Cross Centre) Cllr Cllr SJ, Cllr JW seconded the proposal to give delegated authority to a Working Party for the response to Planning Application PL/20/4026/FA – ALL AGREED	
20201213/04	To discuss the Planning Application PL/20/4026/FA (Deadline 4 January 2021) Cllr SJ advised we put in a Freedom of Information request to Bucks for all documentation for this planning application. ACTION – Clerk to submit request. ACTION – Clerk to circulate Asset of Community Value Decision The application for Asset of Community Value has been refused by Buckinghamshire Council. Cllr JW and Cllr AWH were both concerned that standard reasons for refusal were used such as insufficient information, and the tone of the reply implies we are not serious or in a position where we can deliver this project. A robust business case might be necessary with long term cost benefits to the Unitary Council Cllr JW advised we need to look at the legality of the refusal and whether an appeal can be made. ACTION - Cllr SBD and Cllr JW to investigate legality of the decision in reference to the Localism Act Cllr JW advised that Unitary Cllr Angela Macpherson the cabinet member for Adult Social Care has been kept updated in writing and she has been supportive. In addition Commissioning Managers at the Unitary have also been engaged in our plans.	Clerk Clerk Cllr JW Cllr SBD

	Cllr MEH added that this is the ideal building for activities for the elderly and dementia and we have a clear need in Denham. Cllr AWH advised that on the surface there doesn't appear to be many material planning considerations to object to this application. ACTION – Cllr AWH to start to formulate the response to the planning application Cllr EA noted that it may be that the ecology and bat disturbance may be significant enough to impact the decision ACTION – Clerk to request and extension for comments. Cllr AWH advised that in his opinion as a retired surveyor, having viewed it from the outside only, the building is in reasonable condition and does not necessarily warrant demolition. ACTION – Clerk to request survey and Day Opportunities Key Decisions as referenced in Knight Frank Planning Statement ACTION – Clerk to request a site visit inside the premises Cllr SW advised that when in use the only issues were windows let in a draught and there may be asbestos in the building. Cllr MS advised that DPC are not in the business of running dementia services and advised that if successful these services are contract out to specialists Date and Time of Next Meeting: Monday 4th January at 3pm for the Planning Committee	Cllr AWH Clerk Clerk Clerk
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Jagjit Brar - Clerk
15 December 2020
8.15pm