



**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD
ON MONDAY 20th JANUARY at 7.00pm in the VILLAGE HALL, MAIN HALL**

Present: Cllrs Morris (KM)(Chairman), Rathbone (TR)(Vice-Chairman), Morgan (PM), O'Donoghue (IO'D), Roberts (DR), Ross (CR) and Sulej (JS)

In attendance: Sharon Jones, Clerk to the Council, and 5 residents

- EX1.20. 1. Declaration of Interests:** There were no interests declared.
- 2. Apologies for absence:** Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Beckham, Lord and Williams.
- 3. To Consider the Purchase of the Old Railway Sidings on Station Road** – The Council is to consider a motion to make an offer to purchase of the Old Railway Sidings on Station Road, the amount of offer is to be decided by a separate motion in Part Two of the meeting.

The Chairman spoke about the proposal to purchase the Old Railway sidings.

Following the presentation the Chairman suspended Standing Orders so that members of the public had the opportunity to make comments and ask questions about the proposed purchase (see the comments from the members of the public in the Public Session at the end of the minutes).

Standing Orders were resumed, and the meeting continued.

Motion 1: The Parish Council wishes to consider making an offer to purchase of the Old Railway Sidings on Station Road, the amount of offer is to be decided by a separate motion in Part Two of the meeting.

Resolved: *It was RESOLVED that the Parish Council wishes to consider making an offer to purchase the Old Railway Sidings on Station Road, the amount of offer is to be decided by a separate motion in Part Two of the meeting.*

The Chairman closed Part One of the meeting. Standing Orders were suspended to enable the members of the public to speak again (see Public Forum).

After the Public Forum Standing Orders were resumed, and the meeting continued.

4. PART TWO

MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC ARE ASKED TO RETIRE.

In accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, as extended by the Local Government Act of 1972, the press and public are excluded from the meeting for the discussion of the undermentioned items on the grounds that the publication of the matters would be prejudicial to public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

Items for discussion:

- To consider the amount of money the Parish Council should offer for the purchase of the Old Railway Sidings (if the motion to purchase the land is approved).

The Chairman showed 3 further slides the detail of which is contained in the "Confidential Report from the Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council on 20th January 2020".

Motion 1: ..The Parish Council resolves to consult with residents (between 21st and 27th January 2020) about whether they support an offer to purchase the former Railway Sidings, with an increase in Precept, to cover the annuity on a Public Works Board Loan the amount of loan and term are contained in the “*Confidential Report from the Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council on 20th January 2020*”.

Resolved: *It was RESOLVED that the Parish Council will consult with residents (between 21st and 27th January 2020) about whether they support an offer to purchase the former Railway Sidings, with an increase in Precept, to cover the annuity on a Public Works Board Loan the amount of loan and term are contained in the “Confidential Report from the Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council on 20th January 2020”.*

The decision to go ahead with the offer will be deferred to the Parish Council Meeting on 28th January 2020, once the results of the Public Consultation are known.

5. **Date of Next Meeting:** To confirm the date of the next Meeting – 28th January 2020.
6. **Closure of the Meeting:** The meeting closed at 21: 20

Public Forum

A resident asked what the classification for the land was and what access rights there were any public rights of way or other rights of way over the land. CR said that the land was described as “green gap”, pasture and woodland. However, IO’D reported that disused railways were categorised as “brownfield sites”.

Another asked if there had been any consideration to extend the graveyard. KM responded that this was in the list of possible uses but that would be subject to planning permission and access to the site was not at the existing graveyard end of the land.

A resident asked how quickly the loan could be authorised. TR reported that it could be done in a week or subject to any other permissions being granted.

Neighbourhood plan designates the land as “local green gap”, which allows recreation uses appropriate to a rural area.

One resident asked if the Council would consider a “Community Workshop”, on the site if it were purchased.

Another asked if there were any other parties interested in purchasing the land. KM suggested that there may be several people interested in the land, but the Council was considering purchasing it to maintain control of the use of the land for the benefit of the village.

These minutes will be submitted for approval at the next meeting. Until then they are draft minutes