

## MINUTES OF THEALE PARISH COUNCIL

*Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2018 in the Peter Gooch Room, The Pavilion, Englefield Road, Theale.*

*Present: Councillors B. Williams (Chair), J. Richardson, A. Clark, D. Wood, I. Hopcroft, D. Baker P Clifford, S.Coker, Z.Fenwick, D.Lye, C.Rolfe*

*Apologies received: None*

*Present: Philip Stoneman (Interim Clerk) and fifty members of the public.*

*Declarations of Interest: none*

The chairman asked if anyone intended to record or film the meeting. The reporter for Meridian News confirmed he would like to film and that he was aware of the Policy on Recording of Meetings as displayed on the notice board in the Peter Gooch Room. There were no objections and no other requests to record or film.

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed Parish Councillors and members of the public and press. The purpose of the meeting and the arrangements for Theale Parish Council to vote on the motion were explained.

The Chairman read a statement providing some history to the proposed primary school on North Street Playing Fields and the request from West Berkshire Council for a decision to be made by the 14<sup>th</sup> September on whether Theale Parish Council would surrender the lease to enable the primary school to be built.

The Chairman proposed the motion that ‘Theale Parish Council to decide on surrendering the lease on North Street Playing Fields in accordance with the request from West Berkshire Council and the terms of the offer as set out in Appendix A, subject to contract and agreed lease terms’. The motion was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Cllr. Clifford. There were no objections to the motion.

The Chairman advised that the vote would be by written ballot, as had been requested by two or more Councillors. The ballot paper gave two options:-

‘Yes - I agree to surrender the lease’

‘No - I do not agree to surrender the lease’

The Clerk issued and collected the ballot papers and counted the votes. The Chairman was advised of the decision and the Clerk read out the result which was that six Councillors voted in favour of surrendering the lease and five Councillors voted against surrendering the lease.

The Chairman confirmed the decision of Theale Parish Council to surrender the lease.

It was agreed that a brief statement would be put on the Parish Council website advising of the decision and that a further statement would be provided in due course, after Members had considered that at the next meeting of the Parish Council on the 17<sup>th</sup> September.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and there being no further business closed the meeting at 7.45pm.

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Chairman to the Council