



AYLSHAM TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF AYLSHAM TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN AYLSHAM TOWN HALL,
ON MONDAY 03 JULY 2017 at 7.00p.m.

PRESENT: Mr L Mills
Mr T Bennett
Ros Calvert
Mr D Curtis
Mrs Evans
Mr B Lancaster

Mrs A M Overton
Mrs V Shaw
Mrs E E Springall
Mr White

Mrs S Lake. Aylsham Town Clerk
25 members of the public

1. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Mr Mackie

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

None.

3. ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Before calling for a proposal the chairman advised that he would like all those present to allow any speakers to speak without interruption and that everyone should be shown the same courtesy. He also asked that comments were not constantly repeated.

It was proposed and **AGREED** to adjourn the meeting to take comments from the public.

The Chairman asked the developer if he wished to speak. He advised that the objections would only serve to harm the project and queried the Town Councils reasons for taking this action and what the end achievement was. Costs in taking this matter further could quickly escalate and he has been advised it could be up to £20,000 for each party.

A resident who had also objected to the adverse possession claim advised that she wished this matter to finally be completed. She was willing to negotiate with the developer for a strip of land up to 2m wide to access the river and requested that the Town Council stand back and let her negotiate this.

Various other residents addressed the meeting with a mix of views on the claim for adverse possession of the piece of land.

Arguments included:

- Who will maintain this strip of land and can the cost be justified
- The land should always have been owned by the Mill and the problem was a result of a conveyance error
- Problems of past negotiations
- All that was ever wanted was access to the waterfront
- Issues with costs to date
- Important to preserve the building and this ACTION will put that at risk
- Asked council to look at this objectively not subjectively
- Why is access to the water needed?
- When will a decision be made?
- The worst scenario is no parking area and more cars parked in Mill Row

Re-CONVENE THE MEETING

The meeting was re-convened.

4. ADVERSE POSSESSION CLAIM AT MILL ROW

- a) The Council noted receipt of the statement of truth in support of an application for registration of land at Mill Row based upon adverse possession
- b) The Council noted the letter of objection sent to the Land Registry from the Town Council
- c) The Council noted receipt of the notice of objection under Section 73(5) Land Registration Act 2002
- d) The chairman asked, that as with the public session, all councillors be allowed to speak without interruption.

Councillors comments included

- had been with this project almost from the beginning and would welcome its completion
- All that was ever wanted was access to the river and the proposal for a path up to 2m wide seemed to meet this request and it would be the sensible route for the Council to take
- Need to negotiate with no financial implications
- Reference Broadland District Council officer's opinion at the planning meeting that the land 'wasn't and never had been part of the mill'
- Aylsham is on a river and there is no other public access to the river in the town
- Thanks to the resident for the work she has done on this
- Would like to move forward

It was then proposed that the council agrees to negotiate and these negotiations will be led by the developer and the resident to agree a legal agreement to be brought back to the Town Council on July 13th.

This was proposed and **AGREED** by a majority vote.

5. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/FUTURE AGENDA

Mill Row Agreement

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Chairman confirmed the date of the next Ordinary Council Meeting as **Thursday 13 July 2016, at 7.00pm**

CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.55p.m.