

PETERSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

An extraordinary meeting of the Petersfield Town Council was held at the Town Hall, Petersfield, on 3 August 2015 at 6.30 pm.

PRESENT: Cllr Mrs L Farrow (Town Mayor), Cllr J Deane, Cllr J Matthews, Cllr Mrs V Morgans, Cllr S Noble, Cllr N Orr, Cllr P Strawbridge & Cllr Ms M Vincent.

Also in attendance: Mr N Hitch (Town Clerk) and 1 member of the public. There were no Press present.

C 0261 TOWN MAYOR'S REMARKS

The Town Mayor welcomed all attending. Since the last meeting the External Examiners report on the Neighbourhood Plan had been received which would be circulated to all members. The Plan had been approved to proceed to a Referendum in the autumn subject to a number of minor modifications that would need to be approved by the South Downs National Park Authority. The Examiner had amended some of the allocations within the Plan; in particular increasing the allocation at Causeway Farm as he had questioned whether some of the proposed allocations in and around the town centre would be deliverable within the lifetime of the Plan. It had been particularly positive that the Examiner had been persuaded by the 'self build' arguments and had rejected development on the Penns Field 'B' that the Plan allocated for recreational use and the land beyond Woods Meadow on one of the 'green fingers' entering the town. Members were pleased to note the positive outcome from the External Examiner.

C 0262 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Mrs H Ayer, Cllr P Humphries, Cllr J Palmer and Cllr G Watkinson.

C 0263 GRANTING OF DISPENSATION UNDER SECTION 33 OF THE LOCALISM ACT (2011)

There were no requests for dispensation.

C 0264 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest made.

C 0265 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of Petersfield Town Council, held on 23rd July 2015, be approved and signed.

C 0266 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No requests to speak had been received.

C 0267 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Grounds Committee

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Extraordinary Grounds Committee held on 30th July 2015 be received.

Members discussed the recommendations made by the Grounds Committee in detail. It was acknowledged that the dimensions of the requested pitches and the amount of run-off required were still awaited from the club and members asked questions on whether the club would be required to pay additional rent for the extra pitches. It was noted by members that the third recommendation from the committee confirmed the lease agreement currently in place.

- RESOLVED**
1. That Petersfield Rugby Club be permitted to have the additional pitches requested and appropriate run-off areas on their demised land;
 2. That the Council agrees to provide one new set of goal posts for the requested additional pitches and to continue to maintain the land so that it is suitable for the playing of rugby;
 3. That the Town Council confirm that football pitches will not be marked on the demised area without the Rugby Club's prior approval;
 4. That the Council will continue to take legal advice as to the status and future use of the old hockey pitch;
 5. That the extent of the Rugby Club's demised land be temporarily marked out on the ground to establish current boundaries;
 6. That the Council wish to continue discussions with the Rugby Club with a view to agreeing a new lease and in particular agreeing the process for an independent rental valuation.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.30p.m