

FINCHAMPSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD AT 12.30pm ON 13 MAY 2022 At the FBC Centre, Gorse Ride North, Finchampstead

PRESENT: Cllr S. Bromley, Vice Chair. Cllrs S. Bowers; R. Cundy; C. Driver; B. Eytley; S. Gurney; G. Jukes OBE; S. McDonald; R. Marshallsay; A. Pearce; R. Woof & G. Veitch. Clerk; K. Dagnall.

56/2022 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs E. Biskup; D. Cornish; G. Evans; R. Margetts & S. Weeks.

57/2022 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were received.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

No members of the public were present.

58/2022 WAR MEMORIAL RELOCATION PROJECT

Under the Local Government Act 1972 & Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 the Council resolved to exclude the public and press during this item as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be discussed.

This resolution is due to the fact that any award of contract will be conditional, subject to the granting by Wokingham Borough Council of a licence to place a structure in the highway pursuant to s115B(1)(b)(ii) Highways Act 1980, and the related discharge of condition 4 of approved Planning Application no. 213903. In addition, the contractors involved are not aware of the tender outcome and it would be unreasonable to allow this information into the public domain prior to them being made aware of this.

The recommendation included in the confidential Tender Report circulated to Councillors was unanimously accepted and approved. This decision will remain confidential until such time as the above conditions are met. Should the conditions not be met, the Report will remain confidential.

The confidential session was closed.

59/2022 FREEDOM OF THE PARISH

Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 confers power on a local council to admit to be honorary freemen or honorary freewomen of its area persons of distinction and persons who have rendered eminent service to that place or area.

Finchampstead Parish Council has to date awarded the Freedom of the Parish on two occasions, to former Councillors Walter Chapman and James May.

Councillor Weeks and the Committee Chairs met on 13 April 2022 and agreed that criteria for the granting of the honour should include a minimum term of 15 years, and that this would still be subject to the Council agreeing that the respective individual should receive the award.

The criteria were approved and it was agreed that Cllr Driver should receive the award on her retirement from the Council on 31 May 2022.

60/2022 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Main Council – the Annual Meeting of the Council - 25 May 2022.