

**Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on Tuesday
8th November 2016 in the Bruton Community Office at 7.30pm**

Present: Councillors: Crawford, Hall, Hood, Jones, Marsh, Pickering and Robinson
In the Chair: Councillor Hall
In attendance: The Clerk

16/138 Welcome and Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Anderton and Brownlow.

16/139 Declarations of Interests

There were none.

16/140 Minutes of the Meeting held on 25th October 2016

The minutes were not available for signing at this time and it was proposed and seconded that the minutes of the meeting held on 25th October 2016 be considered for approval at the next full Council meeting at the end of November.

Resolution Adopted 7-0-0

16/141 Public Question Time

There were no members of the public present.

16/142 Committees

It was proposed and seconded that Councillor Robinson be appointed to the Planning, F&GP and Human Resources Committees.

Resolution Adopted 6-0-1

16/143 Confidential Business – Motion to exclude the public

There were no members of the public present.

16/144 Disposal of Land at Eastfield

- 1) An estate agent and solicitor had previously been instructed to sell the land, which was to have gone to auction at the end of November. However, difficulties have arisen over various covenants placed on the land and this has resulted in the delay of the sale. Council will contact by letter the two organisations concerned to request the removal or amendment of the covenants to enable a sale to go ahead. It is hoped this will not produce too many delays. In the meantime the estate agent and solicitor have put the sale on-hold, awaiting Council's instructions. Although costs incurred for the sale may now be higher, Council agreed that there is still a sound reason for selling the land as long as no loss is made.

In light of the above, it was agreed that the legal documents relating to all other assets belonging to the town should be carefully checked to prevent possible problems arising again in the future.

It was then proposed and seconded that responsibility for the sale of the Eastfield play area be delegated to the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

Resolution Adopted 7-0-0

- 2) The motion to advertise the disposal of land was deferred at this time.
- 3) Consideration of an initial offer made for the land was also deferred at this time.

Members of the Council considered these matters in the exercise of their functions: Equal opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability): Crime and Disorder, Health and Safety and Human Rights.

Action Points

1. Write to organisations re removal or amendment of covenants – Clerk
2. Check legal documents of other assets - Clerk