

LITTLE BADDOW PARISH COUNCIL

An Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council was held on March 31st, 2021 by remote link. The Meeting commenced at 7:30pm. In attendance: -

Cllr P Irvine – Chairman
Cllr D Ginn
Cllr K Bonsor
Cllr K Sheldrake

Cllr B Teal
Cllr M Coates-Jones
Cllr A Roche
Cllr S Scott

Mr I Wardle – Clerk

Members of the Public – 0

48/21 Apologies for Absence

None received.

49/21 Declarations of Interest

None declared

50/21 To Approve the Minutes of Meeting held 4th March 2021

Council agreed and approved the minutes for the meeting held on 4th March 2021. Chairman signed remotely.

51/21 Public Question Time

No members of the public attended the meeting.

52/21 Land Acquisition

Council resolved to take the meeting into private session.

The Chairman briefed Councillors on a meeting he had attended with the Clerk with the vendors of a piece of land in the village. The vendor has offered the Council first refusal to purchase the land and a period of 4 weeks exclusivity to enable Council to determine if it wants to proceed ahead of the vendor placing on the open market.

The purchase would require the Council having to borrow the funds to enable the acquisition and the Clerk provided the meeting with details of the process of obtaining a loan. The key points were the need for a full public consultation and independent valuations of the land.

Councillors discussed the opportunity and benefits that would accrue for the village.

Council was agreed in-principle to look at purchasing the land and resolved to obtain an independent valuation by a RICS qualified surveyor, authorising the Clerk to arrange up to a cost of £1,000. Once satisfied that the price sought by the vendor represented fair value Council will establish a Working Party to manage the purchase.

53/21 Date of Next Meeting

The next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting will take place on **Thursday 8th April 2021** commencing at 7:30pm

The meeting closed at 09.08pm.

Chairman April 8th, 2021