

The Parish Council of Dickens Heath

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday May 31st 2011 at 7.30pm, Dickens Heath School

Present:

Dickens Heath Parish Councillors; Vaseem Arfan, Philip Brandum, Alyson Glenn.

Clerk: Ms Helen Marczak

Minute 28 (2011/12) Chairman for the Meeting

It was agreed that Councillor Arfan would chair the meeting in the absence of Councillor Holt.

Minute 29 (2011/12) Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillor Cudmore and Councillor Holt.

Minute 30 (2011/12) Declarations of Interest

It was agreed that these would be declared when appropriate.

Minute 31 (2011/12) Planning Applications

There were no comments on the planning applications for Betteridges Barn and Da Vincis Bar and Lounge. Clerk to enquire further regarding the non material change to approved planning application 2002/2475 for Dickens Heath Village Centre.

Minute 32 (2011/12) Financial Matters

Proposed by Councillor Glenn, seconded by Councillor Brandum, **Resolved** that the payments in Appendix I of the May 31st 2011 agenda be approved.

Minute 33 (2011/12) Proposed Refurbishment of 1 Wharf House

VAT

The VAT issue is complex, and it is not yet known whether the VAT element of the refurbishment costs, or part of it, can be reclaimed. It was agreed that borrowing approval should be sought for an amount that would also cover the VAT cost.

Parish Council Contribution to the Project

The Parish Council has approximately £50,000 in reserve towards the refurbishment costs.

Total Cost of the Project

The total cost of the refurbishment is currently estimated at approximately £100,000 plus VAT, ie. £120,000.

Borrowing Approval

It was Resolved, all in favour, that borrowing approval should be sought for £100,000. This, along with the Parish Council reserve of £50,000, will be sufficient to finance the project (including VAT) plus some additional remedial work if that proves to be necessary as the work progresses.

Paperwork to Support the Application for Borrowing Approval

It was Resolved, all in favour, that the report prepared by the Clerk to support the Borrowing Approval application, and the updated Budget for 2011/12 be approved.

Borrowing Approval Application

The Borrowing Approval application form was completed and signed by the Vice Chair, Councillor Arfan, who was chair for this meeting. The Clerk to complete the paperwork and forward to WALC.

Meeting ended 8.35 pm

Next Meeting : Tuesday June 21st 2011: 7.30pm Dickens Heath School

