

CHILHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held at Chilham Village Hall on 9th December, 2010 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs D.Kennett, Cllrs A.Ralph, M.Sansom, E.Taylor, R.Taylor (Chairman), H Tharp, Y.White, I Walker

Apologies: None

In Attendance: Mr G Dear (Clerk), 11 members of the public

Prior to the meeting Cllr R Taylor explained that the meeting had been called to address the Chilham Square item deferred from the meeting held on 2nd December.

12/12 Declarations of Interest

None.

In reply to a question from cllr Ralph, cllr R Taylor had explained that KALC had advised that cllrs who participated in the CFDB community engagement exercise on one of the working groups did not need to declare an interest in the Chilham Square item.

12/13 Chilham Square

Cllr R Taylor summarised the outcome of the CFDB open meeting on 25th November, ie

Option1: 103 agreed 152 disagreed (40% support)

Option2: 129 agreed 93 disagreed (59% support)

Option3: 118 agreed 129 disagreed (48% support)

and that CFDB considered that as a result it is reasonable to conclude that Option2 should be taken forward and a technical design brief prepared. The reasons being:

- a) more people supported Option 2 than any other option
- b) Option 2 is the only option where the number of people agreeing exceeded the number disagreeing

Cllr R Taylor therefore asked the meeting to consider:

- 1) Was the community engagement exercise fair, reasonable and inclusive
 - 2) Was the method used to test community support for each option fair reasonable and inclusive
 - 3) Is the conclusion drawn by CFDB from the questionnaire results reasonable and supported by satisfactory evidence
- before it decided whether to support the conclusion that Option 2 should be taken forward and a technical design brief prepared.

Following discussion during which each of the above questions was considered and a number of points clarified, the meeting decided that:

- 1) the community engagement exercise was fair, reasonable and inclusive (Cllr Kennett abstained from voting otherwise all in favour)
- 2) the method used to test community support for each option was fair reasonable and inclusive (unanimous)

3) the conclusion drawn by CFDB from the questionnaire results was reasonable and supported by satisfactory evidence (only Cllr Walker voted against)

CFDB were therefore asked to proceed with their project and authorise the final deliverable from their community engagement exercise – a technical design brief based upon option2.

Cllr R Taylor closed the meeting by thanking:

- 1) CFDB and Mr Dear for running the community engagement exercise and bringing it to a successful conclusion
- 2) The members of the 3 community groups that had worked throughout the summer to develop their proposals and present them at the open meeting
- 3) All members of the community that had participated in the exercise

12/14 Date of next meeting

6th January, 2011 in Chilham Village Hall
715pm for 730pm

PLEASE NOTE: All actions are recorded in *italics*. Please provide the clerk with an update 2 weeks after the meeting.