

Hemyock Parish Council
Meeting to discuss sale of Old Station Yard Site
held in the Forbes Lounge at 7.30pm on 20th April 2016

Subject	Action
<p>1. <u>Present</u> Mrs H Stallard (Chair), Mr S Clist, Mr R Calcraft, Mr P Doble, Miss P Lawrence, Mr L Povah, Ms J Pritchard, Mr N Punnett, and Mrs D Evans (Parish Clerk) Apologies: Mr T Barton (away) and Mr N Moon (ill)</p>	
<p>2. <u>Exclude Press & Public</u> Chair moved under Section 1, Paragraph 2 of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 that the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business because publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the commercially sensitive/confidential nature of the business to be transacted PROPOSAL: Press and public are excluded from the meeting because publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the commercially sensitive/confidential nature of the business to be transacted PROPOSED: Mrs H Stallard SECONDED: Mr S Clist DECISION: passed.</p>	
<p>3. <u>Update from Clerk</u> The clerk updated the meeting on the latest developments. A draft contract from the council's solicitors revealed omissions concerning the proposed ransom strip and landscaped areas. The clerk queried this with the solicitor and new information came to light. The council had been dealing with a developer and the solicitor of an owner of adjoining land. It now transpires that the proposed purchaser of the council-owned land intends to sell it on to another party. This party has now made himself known to the council. Mr S Clist then declared a pecuniary interest with relation to this person. Although the council is not selling to this person directly, in the interests of transparency, the interest was noted. Mr S Clist then asked for a dispensation to participate in and vote on all matters relating to this land. He explained he thought it was in the interests of persons living in the parish for him to participate fully in this matter. <i>Mr S Clist left the room whilst the dispensation request was considered.</i> PROPOSAL: in the interests of persons living in the parish, to agree to the dispensation request from Mr S Clist to participate in and vote on all matters relating to the sale of the land. This dispensation to run until the next parish council election. PROPOSED: Ms J Pritchard SECONDED: Mr L Povah DECISION: passed. <i>Mr S Clist returned to the room</i> Following a quick site visit the meeting continued. The clerk was instructed to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish if a land swap is possible. • Write to solicitor to express the council's disappointment over the handling of the matter. • Ask for itemised account. • Seek advice from planning consultant over ransom strip. <p>The clerk was thanked for her work and diligence in this matter.</p>	
<p>4. <u>Date of next full council meeting</u> Wednesday 4th May at 7.30pm, Forbes Lounge, Parish Hall</p>	

Meeting closed 9.25pm

Signed

Dated