



Medstead Parish Council

Minutes of the Extraordinary Full Council Meeting 24th January 2024.

Present: Cllrs. Deborah Jackson (Chair), Graham Bennell, Mark Brayford, Charles Clark, Ken Kercher, Frank Maloney, Phil Quinlan & Mike Smith.

Also in attendance: Chair of Medstead Village Hall Committee & Peter Baston (Parish Clerk).

ACTION

24.014 OPEN SESSION

- i. The **Chair of Medstead Village Hall (MVH) Committee** asked for Medstead Parish Council as the freeholder and separately as a key stakeholder, approval and support for their S106 application for an air source heat pump and air conditioning for Medstead Village Hall, to help the premises adaptation towards climate change and to ensure it is fit for purpose into the future. It was explained that noise readings had been calculated and were well within tolerance limits. After discussion this was unanimously approved on both counts. However, further information was requested regarding the decibel levels when the unit is not operating, especially during the overnight period. MVH Committee agreed to provide this information in due course.
- ii. **Cllr Clark** mentioned that he had chaired a Medstead Parish Council working party to look at and draft a response for the Local Plan consultation. It was felt that the Plan as drafted could be “lived with” as identified Medstead sites were less than expected but felt that the site at Longbourn Way was considered to be dangerous in respect of access on to Lymington Bottom Road and that when any planning application was received for Medstead Parish Council to comment upon as a statutory consultee, this would be flagged up and objected to. It was felt that the other smaller site at “Junipers” was okay in principle being closer to the Village centre.

24.015 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr. Gordon Mitchell – Approved.

24.016 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None.

24.017 S106 / CIL FUNDED PROJECTS

- i. **Medstead Parish Office.**
Cllr Clark reiterated the issue which had arisen due to the EHDC Building Surveyor requesting a soil survey be undertaken which had identified that far deeper foundations of 2.8m were required given the local soil structure. The contractor had now estimated that this would be an additional £6.6k. As mentioned and agreed in minute reference 24.010 (ii), £5k had been approved previously by Full Council but as the costs exceed this sum, Council support was needed for the additional £1.6k. This was unanimously approved by Council.

It was further agreed that given the higher than expected overall costs of the project that an additional application for CIL funding be made of £30k, to be funded £20k

from EHDC CIL funds and £10k from the Medstead Neighbourhood portion. The Clerk was asked to complete a draft the application in readiness for the forthcoming window of opportunity for the application in February 2024.

Clerk

There were no further matters to discuss and the meeting was closed at 8.00pm.

Signed Chairman

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