

LITTLEPORT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held at The Barn on Monday 6th November 2017 at 7 pm

PRESENT: Councillor C Ambrose Smith
Councillor D Ambrose Smith
Councillor F Brown
Councillor S Green
Councillor D Murfitt
Councillor G Norman
Councillor E Dos Santos
Councillor C Webber
Councillor J Webber
Councillor A Wright

Members of the Public: 0

Also present the Clerk Emeritus, Mr James Southward of HEY Bendalls (Solicitors) and Mr Simon Randall of St Georges Medical Centre.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr Randall requested confirmation that any legal fees in respect of a possible assignment of the lease to BlackRock would be met by another party other than the Doctors Practice. It was confirmed that any legal fees would not be payable by the Doctors Practice.

17/18.065 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed all those present to the meeting.

17/18.066 APOLOGIES & ABSENCES:

Cllrs D Jordan, J Lee, S Kerridge, L Malkin – apologies. Cllr P Cox – absent.

17/18.067 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

17/18.068 ST GEORGES MEDICAL CENTRE – ASSIGNMENT OF LEASE

Mr Southward outlined to the Parish Council the legal status of the request received from BlackRock to be assigned the lease of St Georges Medical Centre insofar as under the terms of the lease the Parish Council cannot withhold consent to the assignment without good reasons.

Councillors asked questions concerning, amongst other items:

- a) "Peppercorn rent" arrangements and overdue rent review.
- b) Caveats to protect the interests of both the Parish Council and the Doctors Practice.
- c) Security of tenure arrangements.
- d) The new lease being negotiated between BlackRock and the Doctors Practice – is any information known as to the future aspirations of BlackRock

Following discussion the Parish Council requested Mr Southward to endeavour to ascertain further information as they wished to be more fully informed prior to a decision being taken and report back to the next Parish Council meeting due to take place on Monday 20th November 2017.

The Clerk Emeritus was instructed to add an item to the agenda for 20th November 2017 accordingly.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.40 pm

Signed:

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Chairman

Dated:

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