

**Minutes of Cherry Willingham Parish Council Extraordinary Meeting held at 7.30pm on
Friday 8th April 2022 at The Vine Centre, Cherry Willingham.**

Present: Cllrs Jenny Robinson (Chair), Trahearn (Vice-Chair), Bates, Brylewski, Bucke, Andy Burge, Angela Burge, Fleetwood, Lacy, Palmer, Barry Robinson and Scott.
Gill Shaw - Clerk

The meeting started at 7.30pm

2022-42 Welcome and resolve to accept apologies received by the clerk and accept reasons for absence.

Apologies had been received from Cllr Bridgwood who was away and Cllr Mellor who was ill. Cllr Houghton was absent.

It was **RESOLVED** unanimously to accept the apologies.

2022-43 To receive declaration of interests in accordance with the requirements of the Localism Act 2011 and to consider any requests for dispensations. (Declaration of any disclosable interest in a matter to be discussed at the meeting and which is not included in the Members' register of interests.)

Cllr Lacy declared his interest in the Oasis as a volunteer and would not vote but he offered to contribute his knowledge to the discussion.

This was unanimously accepted.

2022-44 To consider and resolve on any actions in respect of the suggestion that a new lease for the Oasis be agreed with the YMCA at such time as Worth Unlimited relinquish the present lease.

Following the discussion with Worth Unlimited and the YMCA on the 28th February 2022, The Council had agreed to further discuss the suggestion that Worth Unlimited would relinquish their lease and the Council enter into a new 10 year lease with the YMCA.

During the discussion, the following points were mentioned:

- A 10 year lease should have a review after 5 years.
- The Council needed to give some security of tenure and a 10 year term was needed for funding applications.
- A new lease should be drawn up (not use the present lease) and the Council should ensure that the village would benefit.
- Maybe the YMCA could offer gardening plots for the disabled.
- Concerns about who would be using the Oasis.
- Concerns that it would be open to too many organisations.
- The YMCA needed to offer 'something' to the village and the new lease should contain conditions for any breach of the terms of the contract.
- A lot of effort had already been put into the Oasis to give it a therapeutic atmosphere. It should remain as a social and therapeutic centre.
- It would be good to see youngsters using the facilities.
- The YMCA had indicated that users included home schooled children and RAF children.
- It should provide a place where children could spend time outside and learn about nutrition and grow food.

- Concern that the Council were only considering the YMCA (Worth Unlimited had approached others but none were interested or viable).
- Can the rent be increased (the present rent was higher than the current rent for agricultural land).
- It would be easier to deal with a local organisation than Worth Unlimited who were based in London.
- Number of users should be limited and parking arrangements clarified.
- No pressure should be put on the YMCA to offer too many activities.

ACTION: The Clerk to provide all Councillors with a copy of the present lease so that Councillors can make suggestions for alterations and comment on what a new lease should contain. To be returned to the Clerk by 13th May.

ACTION: A new group to be formed to review the amendments. The group would meet after the 14th May and report to the June Council Meeting with the suggested terms of a new lease. It was **RESOLVED** (1 abstention and 1 against) to agree to the Oasis Task and Finish Group and the members would be Cllrs B Robinson, Andy Burge, Lacy and Bridgwood (if he agreed). The group to look at Councillors' suggestions and consider the terms of a new lease.

The meeting finished at 8.25pm

Signed by the

Chairman.....Dated.....

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