

Minutes of an Additional Meeting of the Town Council held at the Town Hall, Rye, on Monday 21 March 2016

PRESENT Councillors Cheryl Creaser, Mike Boyd, Justin Erswell, Bernardine Fiddimore (**Mayor**), Rebekah Gilbert, Pat Hughes, John Izod, Ian Potter, Ray Prewer, Andi Rivett, Shaun Rogers, Andy Stuart

IN ATTENDANCE Richard Farhall - Town Clerk

The meeting commenced at 7.57pm.

122 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence – and the reasons (as notified to the Clerk) - were accepted from John Breeds, Jonathan Breeds (**Deputy Mayor**) and Jo Kirkham.

123 CODE OF CONDUCT: DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

There was none.

124 ACCURACY OF MINUTES

RESOLVED To adopt, as an accurate record, the Minutes of the meeting held on 29 February 2016 (C12).

125 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

There were no members of the public present and, therefore, no need to consider excluding the public and press from the item following.

126 TOWN HALL COTTAGE

Members were invited to consider Mr S's desire to rent the property. He had expressed interest some months ago but the letting agent had initially advised RTC against accepting pets and so Mr S had been told that he was not eligible; however, RTC had since amended the THC letting criteria to 'pets considered'. The letting agent had now undertaken their standard credit checks and the outcome of this did not rule out consideration of a tenancy.

There was some concern that (verified) information in the public domain had the potential to cause RTC to be viewed in an unfavourable light by way of 'association' and/or might, subsequently, make it more difficult for Mr S to perform his obligations under a tenancy. However, it was acknowledged that the first concern was not relevant in respect of Mr S's ability to perform the obligations and the second concern was based on assumption.

It was noted that Mr S is prepared to pay the full 'asking rent' (£1,195pcm) and that the Clerk and letting agent had suggested two safeguards - both acceptable to Mr S - that the initial let be for a period of 6 months and the deposit be set at two months' rent.

RESOLVED To offer Mr S an initial 6-month tenancy of the THC at £1,195pcm, subject to a sum equivalent to two month's rent being deposited. **Clerk**

The meeting ended at 8.08.

Date Chairman