

MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF



**Held on Wednesday 3rd July 2019, 7.00 pm
At the Library@5-7 Church Street, Stony Stratford MK11 1BD**

Present: Cllrs, Paul Bartlett, Cliff Brett, Rob Gifford (Chair), Wajeeha Khan, June Payne, Pete Thornburgh, Keith Tilley (Vice-chair) (7 members)

In attendance: Lynne Compton, Town Clerk (TC), RFO,

Absent (see also Min 19/056 Apologies for Absence): Cllrs Roy Adams and Simon Cherrill

19/053 ANNUAL QUESTIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC: There were no members of the Press or Public present.

19/054 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN RESPECT OF RELEVANT ITEMS OF BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA: There were none.

19/055 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION: There were none.

19/056 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Council **RESOLVED** to approve apologies received from Cllrs Roy Adams and Simon Cherrill.

19/057 5-7 CHURCH STREET REDEVELOPMENT, NEXT STEPS:

57.1 Cllr Gifford outlined the background to the Project and the minutes of the recent Property Development Committee meeting. Council **NOTED** the TC report and update.

57.2 The Council also **NOTED** that an application had been made to the National Lottery for funds towards the project and that a decision on the application was expected by 12th July. Following an extensive discussion, it was agreed that that the full project (Phases 1 and 2) should be done if the grant (from the National Lottery Fund) was available to put towards it. The following motion (KT/CB) was voted on and **AGREED** unanimously: ***'This Council agrees to proceed with Phase 1¹ of the Project to a maximum of £200,000 obtained through a Public Works Loan Board loan (which would cost, (based on the 2019/20 Precept of £209,360.00 and 2019/20 Tax Base² of 2510.83), an additional £3.56 per annum for a Band D property and, should the Lottery Grant application be successful, this decision will be reviewed at the July Full Council meeting with a view to carrying out the full project (at a cost of approx. £500K)'***

57.3 Council **AGREED** that technical advice should be sought for compiling the tender. The costs to be met from the 5-7 Church Street Earmarked Reserve.

57.3 Council **NOTED** and concurred with the TC comment that the S106 Art monies (from Elizabeth House) could be used to offset the cost of the front entrance with a view to involving the community and creating an artistic entrance e.g. a large mosaic depicting Stony's history and culture.

Actions: 1. ***TC to inform Architect and defer the Planning Application until after receipt of the decision by the National Lottery.***

2. ***TC to seek technical advice, in liaison with the architect, for compiling the tender***

Meeting Closed: 20:04

Chairman Signature..... Dated:.....

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 16th July 2019, 7 pm, Small Meeting Place, Barford, Galley Hill MK11 1PE

¹ Phase 1 outline: To include but not be limited to: moving the stairs, changing the doors and reception area, creating an evacuation area to meet regulations, declutter and redesign the librarians work area, improve the kitchen & toilets plus general décor.

² Tax base = number of households the precept is divided between

