

Didcot Town Council

Extraordinary Council Meeting

Monday 19th February 2024 at 7.30pm

Main Hall, Didcot Civic Hall



Minutes

Note: These minutes are subject to approval as a true and correct record by the next meeting of the Council.

PRESENT

Councillors:

A Jones (Deputy Mayor)	C Jennings (Leader)
J Broadbent	J Loder
S Cole	H Macdonald
D Guerra Aragao	K Morrison (Deputy Leader)
N Hards	G Roberts
L Hislop	D Rouane
A Hudson	T Worgan
M Khan	S Nohre
	Z Mohammed

Officer: Janet Wheeler - Town Clerk

No members of the public were present.

The Deputy Mayor, Cllr A Jones, chaired the meeting.

74. To receive apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Axel Macdonald; Cllr D Macdonald; Cllr G Ryall and Cllr O Glover.

75. To receive declarations of interests

There were no declarations of interest.

76. It was **RESOLVED** to exclude the press and public from the meeting pursuant to Section 1 of the Public Bodies [Admission to Meetings] Act 1960 on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

77. To consider a commitment to taking over the maintenance and management of the whole Ladygrove East development site.

Cllr D Rouane opened the debate by stating that this project has been in discussion and development for four to five years. The reason for this meeting was to give direction to the Town Clerk for future meetings with both the planning authority (SODC) and the developer, Bloor Homes.

For clarification, the proposal would be to take over the freehold ownership of the whole site – not just the main parkland and community facilities. The commitment on the Town Council would be to organise maintenance and management of the site. The alternative to Town Council ownership would be that the developer would contract a Management Company to manage the whole area.

Cllr D Rouane proposed to direct the Town Clerk to continue the discussions. This was seconded by Cllr C Jennings.

The project was debated and questions raised. A statement was agreed to be made from this meeting:

LADYGROVE EAST DEVELOPMENT SITE

Didcot Town Council indicate in principal that they would accept or potentially accept the transfer for management and maintenance of ALL elements of the Open Space to be provided on site.

The vote was held: IN FAVOUR: 16; AGAINST: 0; ABSTENTION: 1.

Notes on this discussion can be found in the confidential document - appendix one.

The meeting closed at 8.00pm.

Signed:

(Mayor)

Date: