

**MINUTES OF THE EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING OF WIRKSWORTH TOWN
COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 4 MAY 2010 AT 6.30 PM**

C141/09 Present: Cllr F Bark, Cllr D Brown, Cllr A Clamp, Cllr K Frith, Cllr D Haspel, Cllr S Maskrey, Cllr A Pollock, Cllr I Ratcliffe, Cllr M Ratcliffe (Mayor), Cllr J Stockell, Cllr C Whittall.

In attendance: Mr Adrian Fidler (Fidler Taylor Valuers), Mrs J Walls (Town Clerk).

C142/09 Apologies for absence: Cllr J Stockell.

C143/09 Exclusion of Public and Press:

RECOMM: That in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and press be excluded from the meeting, as publicity to the matters under discussion would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

C144/09 Revised offer for lease of upper floor, Memorial Hall:

Cllr M Ratcliffe welcomed Mr Fidler to the meeting, as it had been agreed that Mr Fidler would be employed to act on behalf of the Town Council in the negotiations for the lease of the Memorial Hall. A revised offer had now been received from the prospective tenants of the upper floor at the Memorial Hall, and this had been circulated to all Councillors, and to Mr Fidler. A discussion took place on this offer, and the acceptability, or otherwise, of the points contained therein, relating to rental figure, break clauses and rent review. A fire audit had been submitted with the revised offer, and the Clerk had arranged for an independent fire safety officer to visit the building and to comment on the issues raised. These comments had been circulated to Councillors, and it was pointed out that the fire safety officer had found no major concerns.

The Council advised Mr Fidler that they wished to retain evening and weekend community use of the ground floor of the Memorial Hall, and that this would need to be included in any negotiations.

RESOLVED

- a) That the Town Council produces heads of terms for Mr Fidler as soon as possible, to facilitate negotiations;
- b) That previous discussions and negotiations be put aside, and Mr Fidler opens fresh negotiations on behalf of the Town Council, taking account of these heads of terms and other points raised and agreed during the meeting.

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The meeting closed at 7.30 pm

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Chairman