

WHITTLESEY TOWN COUNCIL

Extraordinary Meeting

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on Monday 17th December 2018 at 5.30pm at Grosvenor House, Grosvenor Road, Whittlesey

Present: Cllr Mrs Windle, Butcher, Whitwell, Boden, Mason, Dorling, Wicks, Miscandlon, Mrs Jolley, Mrs Mayor, Bristow

Officer in Attendance:

Mrs Sue Piergianni – Town Clerk & RFO

Recording: DS25. Ds2

EM01/18. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Curtis & Garratt (Work), Cllr Mrs Laws – prior engagement.

EM02/18. Declaration of Members Pecuniary Interests, on items to be discussed later in the agenda and the Council to decide which items are to be discussed as confidential under agenda item number EM05/18

Councillor Miscandlon as member of FDC Planning Committee advised that should Planning applications be discussed he may comment, but reserve the right to change his minds should more information become available later

EM03/18 Public Forum

To allow any member of the public to address the council. Time allowed 15 minutes in total.

One member of the public present but did not wish to speak.

EM04/18. Agenda items for discussion.

To discuss tender documents for works to the police station and appoint the contractor to undertake the work.

Cllr Mason read the following statement to members:

**Tender Documents for Whittlesey Town Council Offices
Council Chamber & Accommodation**

Earlier today accompanied by Cllr Alex Miscandlon and our Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer, Mrs Sue Piergianni I attended the offices of Swann Edwards Architecture at their offices in Guyhirn to witness the opening of sealed tender documentation for the appointment of a Main Contractor for proposed work on the new Whittlesey Town Council Offices, Council Chamber and associated accommodation at Queen Street, Whittlesey.

Our project Architect, James Burton, was not able to attend the meeting due to a hospital appointment in London and his substitute, Russell Swann was also unable to attend due to a sudden serious illness to his wife. Ms Sasha Edmonds, a Chartered Architect, therefore officiated.

Initially five local contractors, Lily Rose Construction, Hartwood Builders, Savage Builders, Everitt Builders, T P Snitch and a further organisation, Trinity Green Builders from Market Deeping had expressed an interest in the project and all were invited to tender.

In the event, Hartwood Builders and Savage Builders withdrew their interest on receiving their tender documentation and they were substituted at Whittlesey Town Council's request by Lindum Construction of Peterborough and NB Construction of Tilney All Saints.

Disappointingly today Trinity Green Builders, Everitt Builders and T P Snitch failed to submit bids leaving only three bids on the table from Lily Rose Construction, Lindum and NB Construction.

On examining the bids available only Lindum produced a detailed breakdown of schedule of works and price whilst NB Construction produced merely a detailed price schedule and Lily Rose Construction a total price only.

In light of the lack of information produced and the absence of our Project Architect, James Burton to guide and advise us after a further meeting today with the Whittlesey Town Council Property Working Group I am unable to make a recommendation to Whittlesey Town Council today on the preferred contractor.

This matter will now be deferred pending further discussions with our architects, Swann Edwards, and a recommendation will now be made at our next regular Whittlesey Town Council Meeting to be held on Wednesday 9 January 2019.

My apologies for any disappointment caused by this decision which I feel is the only option at the present time.

End.

Cllr Mason answered questions from members and agreed to discuss this item further at the full council meeting in January, where Swann Edwards should have all the additional information that seemed to be missing from some of the quotes.

EM05/18. To discuss those items previously agreed at agenda item EM02/18.

Resolved that in respect of the following item of business, the public, including the press, will be excluded from the meeting, because of the confidential nature of the business to be discussed, publication of which would be prejudicial to the public interest.

There were no items for further discussion.

Meeting Closed 17:52



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Cllr Mrs Julie Windle
Mayor of Whittlesey

