

MINUTES of the EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Board held on Tuesday 28th June 2022 at Old Nene Golf and Country Club, Muchwood Lane, Ramsey, Cambs.

PRESENT: Mr Peter Wagstaffe (Chairman) (PW), Mr Dale Abblitt (Vice Chairman)(DA), Mr Lloyd Smith (LS), Mr Rupert Waters (RW), Mr Derek Smith (DS) and Mr John Chrisp (Clerk to the Board).

EGM 22.2.1

AMENDMENT of FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

It was proposed by LS and seconded by RW that the Regulations be amended by adding the following clause:-

“The signatures of the Chairman and Clerk to the Board or Vice Chairman and Clerk to the Board or Chairman or Vice Chairman and authorised Financial Officer of the Middle Level Commissioners for cheques and the sanctioning of payments are required but no less than 2 signatures must be obtained in each transaction.

For online bank transfers provided that the expenditure is authorised by the Chairman and Clerk to the Board or the Vice Chairman and Clerk to the Board or Chairman and Vice Chairman in writing or by email, payments may be made by the Board electronically by bank transfer by an authorised financial officer of the Board or the Middle Level Commissioners.”

All members present voted in favour of the amendment of the Regulations and the resolution was passed.

EGM 22.2.2

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS and AGAR for the year ending the 31st March 2022.

These will be approved by the Internal Auditor before formal approval by the Board is given and authorisation is given for signing by the Chairman and Clerk.

EGM 22.2.3

CONSENTS TO DISCHARGE APPLICATIONS

EGM 22.2.3.1

Hill Partnerships Limited -Stocking Fen: the Clerk reported the outcome of the meeting with the Applicants’ representatives on the 20th May 2022. The Applicants heard from the Board that a substantial Development Contribution was required namely £40,000. (reduced from £50,000 because of a misconception of the number of residential units which was 16 houses and 8 flats) and agreement to pay the Board’s Planning Consultancy Fees due to MLC incurred in relation to the application and the fee on the Application of £50. They had gone away to consider this. It was mentioned that the Board did not feel supported by Mr Graham Moore of MLC who was supporting a case for lower figures at the meeting when he had already been made aware that the Board had prepared a case for a much higher figure. In the event that the Board did not achieve the size of Contribution it required that Clerk should send a letter to Mr David Thomas complaining of this, which would have an effect on the amount of the costs being charged by MLC.

EGM 22.2.3.2

Rose Homes (EA) Ltd – Newtown Road (former Shotbolt's Yard).

In view of Mr Graham Moore's disappointing performance at the meeting on the 20th May, the Board asked how much of this Application had been dealt with because they were unhappy about using him for this Application. The Clerk mentioned that he believed he had already received plans, drawings and calculations from the Applicants' Surveyor or Architect so he could not be discharged entirely from dealing with the Application. The Clerk was asked to inform the MLC that the Vice Chairman(DA) would be negotiating the amount of the Development Contribution. The proposed discharge was not far away from Hill Partnership's proposed discharge and the rationale for the size of the contribution should be the same. May be pro rata the amount on the comparative sizes of the different development sites and plots. It is believed that the number of plots at the site is 9 but it needs to be checked.

Before Mr Graham Moore is used to advise on future applications of this kind the Board will consider whether or not he should be used.

EGM 22.2.4

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

EGM 22.2.4.1

Investigation of Partially Blocked Culvert at Stocking fen Road.

The Clerk was asked to give notice to the Cambridgeshire County Council that if we do not receive a date for the work to be carried out within say 14 days or so then we shall obtain quotations from other contractors to submit to them and arrange to have the work carried out ourselves on the basis of the agreement we have made to share the costs equally.

EGM 22.2.4.2

NEW APPOINTEES BY THE DISTRICT COUNCIL

These are Councillor Roger Brereton and Councillor Steve Corney to serve until May 2025

Councillor Eric Butler has been reappointed to serve for a further term until May 2025;

The Clerk was asked to write a formal letter to retiring Councillor John Palmer to give him the Board's thanks for his valued contribution to the Board's work.

EGM 22.2.4.3

As soon as the Statement of Accounts and the AGAR for the year ending 31st March 2022 have been approved by the internal Auditor they will be submitted to a meeting of the Board for approval.