



Long Stratton Town Council

MINUTES OF EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER AT 7PM AT THE METHODIST CHURCH OF LONG STRATTON TOWN COUNCIL

In attendance: Councillors, Kevin Worsley, Mark Gladding, Mark Bambridge, Edward Earp
Andrew Lansdell, Diane Woodham, Judith Baker, Matt Pochin, Ian Mortimer, Richard Tompkins and Bob
Mackenzie.

Becky Buck (Clerk).

1. To consider apologies for absence
Councillor Race gave apologies for work purposes and Councillor Lunness for annual leave these
apologies were accepted.
2. To receive disclosures of interest and dispensations
Councillor Bambridge declared an interest in item 3.
3. To discuss and decide on grant application for fireworks
Following a discussion, with 8 votes for, 2 votes against the Council **resolved** to provide a grant of
£2000 to the PCC for the firework event. Councillor Bambridge did not participate in the vote.
4. To discuss and decide on kitchen design for the pavilion
The kitchen design was approved with the following amendments.
 - Dishwasher removed and replaced with a base unit
 - Base unit removed and replaced with undercounter freezer
 - Tall fridge freezer removed and replaced with undercounter fridge and additional
worktop.
 - A second small handbasin.
5. To receive a report following The Play Inspection report on the facilities at the playing field.
The Clerk provided a verbal report and advised there would need to be some remedial work carried
out to the playground. Where possible the Groundsman will be utilised to carry out repair work. The
Clerk advised that she would explore professional playground inspection training for the
Groundsman.
6. To discuss and decide on the future of the Methodist Church
The Council had a full discussion regarding the future of the Methodist Church. The consultation
results showed that 96% wanted Long Stratton Town Council to retain the Methodist Church with
77% being prepared to have a rise in the precept to allow the Town Council to progress with this;
94% supported the Town Council in asking South Norfolk District Council to zero rate the building.
The Clerk advised that as the business rates that will be applicable is unknown this will be important
in making sure the running costs are kept as low as possible. The Council **resolved** with 8 votes for 2
votes against and 1 abstention to offer £125,000 subject to contract, subject to terms and conditions
and subject to business rates.

With there being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 20:22

Signed..... Date.....