

**Minutes of a closed Extraordinary Meeting of the St Ive Parish Council held at Millennium House at 7.30pm on the 28<sup>th</sup> November 2016.**

1. **Present:** Cllr. Corney Chair, Cllrs. Bennison Dipper Haimes, Neal, Vaughan and Waddington
2. **Apologies:** Cllrs Wilson
3. **Declarations of Interest:** Cllr. Haimes in matters concerning the coffee shop.
4. **To approve and sign the minutes of an EGM held on the 24<sup>th</sup> May 2016.** Proposed by Cllr Haimes  
Seconded by Cllr. Neal. Agreed.
5. **To Review the advice from Stephen and Scown- To decide on the way forward.**

Cllr. Corney referred to an email sent to councillors by Cllr. Waddington, in which he suggested that council consider three options regarding the legal advice given by solicitors. Cllr. Corney suggested this might be a good starting point.

The suggested options were:

1. Resolve that it is the intention of the parish council to outsource the running of Millennium House. The preferred bidder may currently be PCA but to comply with the legal advice we have been given, it may (will) be necessary to undertake a public tendering exercise to seek alternative bids. Should this be the chosen course, the legal advice must be considered in detail and the necessary work put in hand immediately. I do not believe ignoring the advice is an option. Some increase in the budget may be required to support this proposal.
2. Resolve that the Parish Council continues to manage Millennium House itself and not outsource it. Funding is presently sufficient for this and a draft budget is on the table but we are at serious risk from a lack of proper management. if this is the chosen course it must include a serious proposal and commitment to rectify management failures. Good governance would also dictate a forward plan for the future of Millennium House under PC management.
3. Do nothing until a new council is elected in May, this would in fact be a referendum on the future of Millennium House. It appears there will be sufficient funding in place to see us through in the interim. Some budget adjustments may be necessary.

Before the debate began the parish clerk raised the issue of prejudicial interests in respect of the Chairman's involvement as a founding trustee of the Pensilva Community Association, the question was also raised over the interest of Cllr Haimes . Cllr. Haimes has always declared an interest in the coffee shop before council meetings. Cllr. Corney stated he had resigned as a trustee of PCA and would produce a copy of his letter of resignation and so there was in his view no conflict of interest. The Clerk further stated that advice was that Cllr. Corney should not vote on issues involving PCA for



at least six months after his resignation. Cllr. Corney and other members expressed concern that this issue was not raised prior to the meeting.

At this point Cllr. Haimes declared he was unhappy with the proceedings and would resign; he was followed by Cllrs. Dipper and Vaughan. All three left the room.

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The meeting remained quorate and the Chair suggested we continue and look at the suggested options. The Chair asked Cllr Waddington what his preferred option was. Cllr Waddington replied that option three, to make no decision on the transfer to PCA until the elections in May. Cllrs. Bennison and Neal preferred a clear decision on the transfer and favoured option two. It had been suggested that options two and three were in fact similar. Cllr Waddington did not agree but would be prepared to accept option two subject to a note in the minutes that this decision would undoubtedly be reviewed following the election of a new council in May.

Cllr Waddington Proposed that we agree option two set out above. Seconded by Cllr. Bennison. A vote was taken and the proposal was approved three votes to one, Cllr. Corney voting against.

The meeting closed: 8-24.

\* Councillor Corney stated his preferred option was Option 1.

Signed M. Corney 12-12-2016