

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BUILDINGS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15th SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 8.15PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, GREENACRE CENTRE.

Committee Members present:

Mrs A Clarey, B Collier, A Cooper, Mrs M Cooper, S Dhaliwal, S Hayes (Chairman), J Talbot.

Also present:

The Assistant Clerk – Ms Caroline Jenkins

16/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were none.

17/21 DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS INTERESTS ON MATTERS CONTAINED IN THE AGENDA

There were none. Members were reminded that if at any time during the meeting they feel they have an interest in an item being discussed, they should declare it at that point.

18/21 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – QUESTIONS, COMMENTS & RESPONSES

None present.

19/21 CLERK'S REPORT, CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED & MATTERS ARISING FOR INFORMATION

Nothing to report.

20/21 GREENACRE CENTRE – USE OF COUNCIL CHAMBER AND MAPLE ROOM

Members were asked to consider the future use of the Council Chamber and Maple Room, as hireable facilities or otherwise.

Members discussed all aspects of this project intensely. It was felt by some members that the Maple Room itself could benefit from extra storage being added onto the room, an area taken from the current chair store. It was noted that the end wall of the Maple Room was indeed a structural wall and therefore could not be removed.

It was also noted that the corridor that would be constructed to facilitate the two new rooms in the Maple Room area would not need to cover the whole length of the room. It was agreed that advice would be sought for this regarding building and fire regulations.

RESOLVED that the Council Chamber will be hired out for meeting use only, with tables and chairs left in the room permanently. The Maple room will be separated into 2 smaller rooms for use by Citizens Advice Bureau, Police, Youth Engagement and an area to speak to bereaved families enquiring about the Stotfold Cemetery.

Councillors also asked for an Extra Buildings Management Committee meeting to be held so that all members could discuss the proposed plans for the future of the Oak Hall and with regard to storage issues at the Greenacre Centre.

21/21 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES, RELEVANT TO THIS COMMITTEE ONLY

It was noted that a storage container could be erected at the rear of the Greenacre centre if additional storage is required.

It was noted that tables and chairs in the Council chamber are very heavy and not stackable. It was suggested that these are changed for a lighter stackable version.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8.58pm

MINUTES APPROVED (date):

SIGNED BY CHAIRMAN: