



# Oundle Town Council

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**Minutes of the meeting of the Estate Management Committee meeting held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 7.30pm the Barnwell Room, Fletton House.**

**Present:** Cllrs Best, Chesser, S Oakes and Sparkes

**Minutes:** Hanneke Soans

**EM16.69. Apologies for Absence**  
Cllr Glen (unwell)

**EM16.70. Declarations of Interests**

To receive and consider any declarations of interest from Members and Officers under Section 50 of the Local Government Act 2000 (*Standing Order 35*) (This requirement applies only in respect of matters, which are to be considered by the Committee at this meeting.)

EM16.70.01. To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.

None

EM16.70.02. To declare any Other Interests.

None

**EM16.71. Representations from Interested Parties**

A period of no longer than 10 minutes will be allocated for members of the public to address the meeting about items on this agenda at the **Chairman's discretion**. (*Standing Order 3d and 3e*).

Members of Oundle Rugby Club ref agenda item 16.75

Two members of the Rugby Club were present to request a renewal of their lease with the council which expires 31/05/2018 ideally for another 40 years with the same terms as the original lease.

The Council would like the Rugby Club to agree to a workshop being built by the council which would take up a dozen parking spaces.

Derek Denton is awaiting details of the councils proposed workshop. This would provide additional security to the Rugby Club if OTC were to have a presence on Occupation Road.

**EM16.72. Minutes of the Previous Meeting – Estate Management Committee**

To approve the minutes from the previous meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

Approved after an amendment to clarify a previous decision about responsibility for putting up the bunting in the town in light of the offer of a cherry picker from Oundle School.

**Proposed:** Cllr Chesser

**Seconded:** Cllr Oakes **Resolved:** Unanimously

- EM16.73. To approve a quote from Thomas & Briggs for £1,556.28 + VAT to install a kitchenette in The Courthouse.**  
**Proposed: Cllr Oakes Secoded: Cllr Chesser Resolved: Unanimously**
- EM16.74. To approve a quote from Bluemoon Solutions for £1,898.06 including VAT to install wi-fi into Queen Victoria Hall.**  
After a discussion it was agreed that a second quote was required and that in principle the committee agree the sum above to install wi-fi into the QVH.  
**Proposed: Cllr Best Secoded: Cllr Chesser Resolved: Unanimously**
- EM16.75. To approve the renewal of the Rugby Club Lease for a further 40 years.**  
Following the representation made by the Rugby Club it was agreed to issue a new lease ending in 2066 to bring into line with the Bowls Club & Tennis Club's lease. Subject to the Club allowing the Council to build a workshop for the Outside Maintenance Team which will involve the loss of six parking spaces to the Rugby Club.  
Cllr Best agreed to liaise with Mr. Denton from the Club to proceed with the workshop plans.  
**Proposed: Cllr Peel Secoded: Cllr Oakes Resolved: Unanimously**
- EM16.76. To agree a quote from a local architect to draw up plans for the Fletton House extension and pre-planning application.**  
Recommendation to Full Council for Oundle Architecture.
- EM16.77. To agree to a request from James Dean Fun Fairs to hold a fair on the Rec from Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2017 until Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2017.**  
This item was approved.  
**Proposed: Cllr Oakes Secoded: Cllr Best Resolved: Unanimously**
- EM16.78. To agree the renewal of the Joan Strong Centre Lease with the Scouts Association for a further 25 years.**  
**Proposed: Cllr Oakes Secoded: Cllr Chesser Resolved: Unanimously**
- EM16.79. To agree a quote from a decorator to touch up Fletton House paint work.**  
Agreed at a cost of £235 for doors and frames to be touched up and cracking repaired.
- EM16.80. To receive an update on room hire costs from April to January.**  
Cllr Sparkes gave out figures showing the costs and income for each room at Fletton and The Courthouse. Once the 3 new tenants move into The Courthouse we will start to make an income on the rooms. It was requested that the Hub figures are available at the next Finance Meeting.
- EM16.81. To agree a residents request to put a memorial bench at St Christopher's Drive to replace existing bench.**  
**Proposed: Cllr Best Secoded: Cllr Chesser Resolved: Unanimously**



**EM16.82. To agree a quote of £1,200 for emergency tree services following storm Doris damage.**  
**Proposed: Cllr Peel    Seconded: Cllr Chesser    Resolved: Unanimously**

**EM16.83. To receive a verbal update on the town clocks.**  
This item will be discussed at the next Full Council meeting.

**EM16.84. To agree to a request from the Rotary Club to put a plaque on the Rec.**  
**Proposed: Cllr Oakes                      Seconded: Cllr Best    Resolved: Unanimously**

**EM16.85. Any other matters.**  
Cllr Best has looked at the boardwalk at Snipe Meadow and he believes we can repair this for a much lower cost rather than replacing it. It was agreed to bring this proposal to the next Estates meeting.  
Cllr S. Oakes would like consideration to be given for a soft play area in Fletton House but there are currently no rooms available.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.08pm

