

# Oundle Town Council

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## **Minutes of the meeting of the Estate Management Committee meeting held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 11am the Barnwell Room, Fletton House.**

**Present:** Cllrs Chesser, Stagg, Fitzgerald and Sparkes

**Minutes:** Hanneke Soans

### **EM15.60. Apologies for Absence**

Received and accepted Cllr Groves, Davis and Piercy-Hughes

### **EM15.61. 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.)

EM15.45.01 To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.

EM15.45.02. To declare any Other Interests.

Cllr Chesser declared an interest in item EM15.63 as chair of the tenants committee.

### **EM15.62. To consider leasing arrangements for The Courthouse.**

CWA are interested in renting the Council Chamber and we need to make sure we keep our options open on the building layout. Therefore we suggest a kitchen is built into the strong room next to the lift so CWA are independent and that the lease reflects that there may be a change of access in the future.

Cllr Fitzgerald will prepare a paper for the October meeting looking at the options for The Courthouse.

It was agreed to continue marketing The Courthouse. In budget terms we need to have a survey carried out on the building to access the damp and if any works need to be carried out.

### **EM15.63. To consider hall/room hire rates for tenants of Fletton House.**

A request has been received from a tenant as to whether they could use a meeting room at Fletton free of charge for meetings.

After a discussion it was decided that as we are actively marketing the rooms it would not make financial sense to let a tenant use it for free, also our new hall invoicing system will not allow a zero invoice.

This would be communicated in writing to all our tenants.

### **EM15.64. Any Other Relevant Matters for Report.**

Cllr Chesser has talked to a lot of the cyclist groups that come to the town on a Sunday and has requested that they don't leave bikes against the War Memorial.

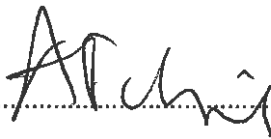
This request has been met very positively with a reduction in bikes being parked against the memorial from 18 to 2.

It was agreed that the planters on the memorial need to be removed as they are now past the flowering stage.

Concern was raised that we are still unable to replace the bollards on the Market Place and that we should chase highways to come and sort out the holes so that the bollards can go back in.

It was discussed that their needs to be a Fletton House opening event in half term and Cllr Grove will be asked to organise something.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.45pm

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