HORNDEAN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT JUBILEE HALL ON MONDAY 09 MARCH 2015 AT 5:45 P.M.

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs L Evans (Chairman), Councillors D Alexander, M Burridge, A Forbes, J Mach, B Mowatt, Mrs I Weeks and Mrs E Tickell.

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IN ATTENDANCE: Carla Baverstock-Jones, Executive Officer and Clerk to the Council (Minute Taker).

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE: No members of the public were present.

HPC227/15 **TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr R Veitch. No other apologies were received.

HPC228/115 **TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

HPC229/15 **PUBLIC SESSION**

There were no questions from members of the public.

HPC230/15 **TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE WORKING PARTY AND CONSIDER THE PURCHASE AND EXCHANGE OF VEHICLES IN RESPECT OF THE COUNTRYSIDE TEAM.**

Cllr Mrs Evans stated that the conclusion of the Working Party was that we should purchase a second hand vehicle – Ford Ranger and order a new Ranger with approximately a 6 month waiting period. Alternatively in place of a new vehicle purchase a nearly new vehicle.

However since the meeting of the Working Party a second hand vehicle has become available at a Ford dealership in Hayling Island. This vehicle is a Double Cab Ranger and concerns were raised by the Countryside Team that a piece of equipment – Brush Cutter would not fit into the vehicle due to its length. The garage is willing to take the Land Rover in part exchange allowing £5000.

Cllr Mach asked whether we would be able to claim back the VAT and Cllr D Evans responded that this should be possible via the Local Government Scheme. The second new vehicle to be purchased will be a Single Cab Ranger to ensure additional floor space for transporting the Brush Cutter. The net cost of the second hand Ranger was agreed as £6,895.00 + VAT, this includes the part exchange of the Land Rover and the extras required by the Countryside Team. The extras confirmed and agreed as being a total of £955 + VAT which included 12 months Road Tax as per written quote. It was agreed that light guards should be added to the vehicle.

Proposed and seconded – Resolved.

Cllr D Evans requested that Standing Orders be suspended as 3 quotes are usually required – proposed and seconded – Agreed.

The second phase of the sale/purchase of the Countryside vehicles was discussed and the purchase of either new or a vehicle with low mileage should be considered. Cllr D Evans commented that due to the low mileage undertaken by the Countryside Team he did not feel that a new vehicle could be justified and would like to see some numbers.

It was **RESOLVED** that the matter be deferred until the next Council meeting on 16th March 2015.

The meeting closed at 6:00pm

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Chairman

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