



**Minutes of the Meeting of the Property Committee
at the Billingshurst Centre
Wednesday 15 January 2025 at 7pm**

Present

Cllrs Craig Gale (Chairman), Edna Bengler, Paul Berry, Sandy Duck, Craig Jones and Steve Thomas.

In Attendance

G Burt, Clerk to the Council

01/25 Chairman's Announcements.

The Chairman

- a. Advised that the meeting was being streamed to the internet.
- b. Asked Members to raise their hands if they wished to speak and speak clearly.
- c. Mobile 'phones should either be switched off or silenced.

02/25 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Phillip Day for approved reasons. On the proposal of Cllr Craig Gale, seconded by Cllr Steve Thomas **RESOLVED** that the apology and reason given be accepted.

03/25 Declarations of Interest and Notification of Changes to Members' Interests.

None.

04/25 Minutes

On the proposal of Cllr Steve Thomas, seconded by Cllr Craig Jones **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 13 November 2024, previously circulated, be accepted and signed as a true record by the Chairman of the meeting.

05/25 Clerk's Report

None.

06/25 Public Session

None

07/25 To consider improvements to Christmas Lights

- a. There had not been time after all to install interim solar-powered Christmas lights in the south end of the High Street for the season just gone, as the structural testing of columns was delayed. As the columns had now passed structural testing, the Council could, subject to approval from WSCC/ENERVEO, now proceed with the installation of permanent electrical infrastructure. On the proposal of Cllr Craig Jones, seconded by Cllr Paul Berry **RECOMMEND** to the F&GP Cttee the release of £2,261 from the Council's CIL fund for the installation of electrical infrastructure on 8 lighting columns in High Street, to enable the Christmas Lights to be extended to West Street next festive season.

- b. The Christmas tree outside the Billingshurst Centre, which sits in a temporary stand and is funded by the Council, is increasingly being blown over in high winds. A permanent socket/pit would prevent this. On the proposal of Cllr Steve Thomas, seconded by Cllr Sandy Duck **RECOMMEND** to the F&GP Cttee the release of £930 from the Council's CIL fund for the installation of a permanent socket/pit, as quoted by Leith Hill Plant Hire.

08/25 To receive property updates for information only.

NOTED. The Committee's usual thanks to Officers for their endeavours were noted. Members agreed that the Men's Shed be reminded that they are not to park on the access road to the rear of their site. The Committee would also like to consider at a future meeting whether the introduction of charging at the Mill Lane Public Toilets would enable the facility to be open longer, whilst still containing misuse. The Chairman thanked Cllr Paul Berry for his work as part of BEAT to bring about the additional defibrillator at Adversane.

09/25 Date of Next Meeting: 19 March 2025.

The meeting finished at 7.15pm.

Chairman

Date