

**KENNET DISTRICT COUNCIL
RESOURCES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the meeting of the Resources Executive Committee held in the
Council Chamber, Browfort, Devizes on 7th February 2006 at 2.15 pm

PRESENT: Councillor L H Grundy - Chairman

Councillor P A Brown	Councillor Mrs J M Giles
Councillor Mrs K Callow	Councillor J J Kunkler
Councillor D D Campbell	Councillor P W Richardson
Councillor Mrs T M Carr	Councillor P N Veasey
Councillor A P J Duck	

APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE:

Councillor D J Wilmott

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Councillor Mrs A Hayhoe for item 9.
Councillor J G Ody for item 10.

PART 1

Items considered whilst the public were entitled to be present

1. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

No questions had been received for response at the meeting.

2. MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 29th November 2005 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Councillor P W Richardson declared a personal interest in the item considered at Minute 8 owing to his membership of Ludgershall Parish Council.

4. DRAFT PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS 2006-2007

The Committee considered the draft programme of meetings for the municipal year ahead and

RESOLVED

THAT the draft programme of meetings be approved.

5. BUDGET REDUCTION SUB-COMMITTEE

The Committee received and noted the minutes of the Budget Reduction Sub-Committee held on 19th December 2005.

6. URGENT ACTION BETWEEN MEETINGS

None.

7. THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 – SECTION 100(A)(4)

Following consideration it was

RESOLVED

THAT in accordance with the provisions of Section 100(A)(4) of The Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1, 5, 7, 8 and 9 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

PART 2

Items considered whilst the meeting was closed to the public

8. LUDGERSHALL CAR PARK

Members considered a report from the Director of Resources regarding possible disposal of a car park in the village. After debate it was

RESOLVED

THAT

- 1.** Disposal of the Council's car park in Ludgershall to the Parish Council would help improve the economic, social and environmental well-being of the areas concerned.
- 2.** The price paid should be £40,000, subject to the continued provision of recycling facilities, markets and (if necessary) public conveniences. Furthermore, the sale of the site will be subject to an uplift clause (capped at 20 years) providing the Council with 50% of any uplift in value during that period should the car park be disposed of for purposes other than that of a car park.
- 3.** Both parties should bear their own costs in connection with the sale of the property.

9. THE OLD RECTORY, PEWSEY

Members considered a report by the Director of Resources regarding possible disposal of land at the Old Rectory in Pewsey. After debate it was

RESOLVED

THAT

1. The Directors of Community Development and Resources be given delegated authority to agree terms of sale for the Council-owned land at the Old Rectory in Pewsey under advice from the Council's property advisors.

2. The proceeds from any disposal be placed in an earmarked capital fund for the purpose of supporting local community initiatives under the policy and procedure set out in Appendix B to the report as amended by resolution 5.

3. The Director of Resources be given delegated authority to make payments from the earmarked capital fund in accordance with the policy and procedure set out in Appendix B to the report as amended by resolution 5.

4. Both parties should bear their own costs in connection with the sale of the property.

5. The wording of procedure 5 in the report be changed to read:

"Where there is not agreement between the Director of Resources and all the elected members concerned, the application will be referred to the Community Development Executive Committee for consideration."

Note

1. Councillor Mrs A Hayhoe spoke with regard to this item.

10. FORMER DEVIZES ASSIZE COURT

Members considered a report by the Director of Community Services regarding possible acquisition of the former Devizes Assize Court. After debate it was

RESOLVED

THAT

1. Council officers continue to work towards bringing the former Assize Court back into productive use.
2. Sums of £10,000 and £2,000 be allocated from earmarked revenue reserves for the purposes of initial preparation of a feasibility study and valuation costs respectfully.
3. Officers formally approach the owner of the former Assize Court in the first instance to attempt a negotiated acquisition.
4. The findings, options and conclusions (including financial and resource implications arising from the possible compulsory purchase of the site) resulting from the feasibility study be reported to the Committee when available.

Note

1. Councillor J G Ody spoke with regard to this item.

11. HARSHIP RATE RELIEF

Members considered a report by the Financial Services Manager regarding an application received for Hardship Rate Relief. After debate it was

RESOLVED

THAT the application for Hardship Rate Relief be refused.