

# NORTHLEACH WITH EASTINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 1 FEBRUARY 2012

**PRESENT:** Cllr N Fletcher (Chairman), Cllr A Wellman (Vice Chairman), Cllr Mrs C Davies, Cllr Mrs V Hewer, Cllr B Hulcup, Cllr Mrs P Rigby, Cllr P Sanders and Mrs C Braidwood (Clerk), 4 members of the public and Mrs Diana Ray.

**17/12 Apologies and Reasons for Absence**  
Duncan Turner (Personal), Graham Stock (Personal) and Cllr N Blades (Personal)

**18/12 Declarations of Interest**  
None

**19/12 Should the Council place a bid for the purchase of The Old Prison, Northleach under the Localism Act 2011**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked Mrs Ray to give an update on the Conservation Board's Heritage Lottery Bid and her petition:

- Don't yet know the reasons why the Heritage lottery bid failed.
- Bids for purchase of the building closed yesterday.
- Cotswold Conservation Board and Friends of the Cotswolds have been working together to put together a bid which was submitted to Cotswold District Council before the deadline yesterday.
- The partnership are about to launch a programme of fundraising for £750,000 to cover the cost of the building, maintenance work and development of the site.
- A leaflet is being prepared to advertise the campaign and the Council was asked if it wished to have the Town logo included.
- Mrs Ray confirmed that she has now received clarification about the process of the petition debate which will take place during a Council meeting on Tuesday, 28 February which will start at 10 am.
- Mrs Ray will have 5 minutes to put her case followed by the Portfolio Holder who will also speak for 5 minutes. Mrs Ray will then be given a right of reply which is not usually allowed.
- CDC has confirmed that no decision will be made on the purchase bids until after the debate.
- All Councillors will be given an impression of the bids, at the least, but it is not yet known if the decision will be made by the whole Council or delegated.
- She suggested that CDC may go into closed session to make the purchase decision at that meeting.
- Mrs Ray said that a dialogue needs to be established with CDC Members to lobby support and encourage motions to be placed and that she would like some help and support from residents at the meeting.
- She is also hoping that supporters will write to CDC Councillors and put questions to the meeting.
- She added that she had attended a Tourism seminar that day and had made many useful contacts who were interested in her petition and campaign.

**Proposed:** Cllr P Sanders      **Seconded:** Cllr N Fletcher

And unanimously **RESOLVED:**

**Northleach with Eastington Town Council commend the bid of the 'Save our Prison' campaign and look forward to supporting the work of the Friends of the Cotswold and the Cotswold Conservation Board.**

It was further agreed that the Town Council logo could be used on the campaign leaflet as a sign of the Council's support as resolved.

The Chairman congratulated Mrs Ray on the outcome of all her hard work.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 19.45 pm