

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF WOOLPIT PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 28 AUGUST 2012 IN WOOLPIT INSTITUTE AT 7.30 P.M. IN WOOPIT INSTITUTE.

**Present:** Mr Wiley (Chairman), Mrs Cook, Mrs Parker, Mr Melvin, Mr Jones, Mr Lomax, Mr Hardiman and Mrs Bennett MSDC Housing Enabling Officer.

- 1. **Apologies for absence** were received from Mr Smith and Mr Guyler.
- 2. **To receive declarations of interest.** There were none.

The meeting was adjourned at 7.32 p.m. to allow Anne Bennett to provide information and answer questions on item 3.

**3. To discuss a request from Orbit Housing to change allocation arrangements for the remaining properties to be built during the Steeles Road redevelopment and take any necessary action.**

Orbit Housing is taking on the final 2 phases of the redevelopment from Flagship and has requested the current Section 106 agreement to be varied for the remaining 6 two bedroom bungalows. The current nomination agreement cascade is for MSDC residents 60+, anyone 60+, MSDC residents 55+ then anyone 55+. Orbit would like this age restriction removed to allow for more flexibility but Orbit agrees to sign up to a nominations agreement that adheres to MSDC Choice Based Letting Allocation Policy. This gives preference to those over 60 or with medical assessment for mobility issues.

Mr Hardiman stated that it has been proven not to be case on many occasions. We have several properties in the village where the original tenant has left the property and the property has then been allocated to young families with no disabilities. Mr Wiley advised that there is a greater need of properties for older residents not less. The 9 one bed flats, to which WPC is not party to the nomination agreement, will need to provide MSDC and Orbit Housing with sufficient flexibility to enable appropriate allocations to satisfy the needs of residents following the changes to welfare benefit reforms.

The meeting reconvened at 8.10 p.m.

It was proposed, seconded and unanimously carried that the nomination agreement for the 6 bungalows (plots 15-20 inclusive) remains unchanged. The Clerk will advise MSDC of WPC decision.

It is noted that Flagship Housing is responsible for sorting out the road surface and street lighting at the completion of the redevelopment.

Due to the difficulties experienced during the Steeles Road redevelopment, MSDC has advised it is likely that future development land will be conveyed phase by phase.

Anne Bennett was thanked for giving her time to attend the meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.23 p.m.

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