

**MINUTES** of Morcott Parish Council extra-ordinary meeting held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2017 held in Morcott Village Hall.

**45/17 Attendance Register:** Cllr's Johnson (chair), Harding, Joyce, Pritchard, Traylen & Whitfield.

9 members of the public

**46/17 Apologies for absence:** All present

**47/17 Declarations of interests and requests for dispensation:** None

**48/17 To consider the outcome of the Parish Meeting preceding this meeting and consider appropriate resolutions on the following:**

**a. Holding a referendum (Village Poll) on the subject of the White Horse Inn and associated development on the Paddock;**

The outcome of the Parish meeting was twofold:

1. The Parish Meeting decided to have a Village Poll;
2. The Parish Meeting agreed upon the wording for the question to be posed in the Village Poll.

The Parish Meeting has therefore mandated that a Village Poll be held on the question agreed.

**b. The timing of a Village Poll & whether it should be held at the same time as the casual vacancy election:**

Agreed. Subject to advice from RCC.

**c. The final wording for the Village Poll, subject to agreement by Helen Briggs, Returning Officer, Rutland County Council;**

The wording agreed at the Parish meeting is:

**"Do you support the current linked proposals by Burghley Estates to build houses on the Paddock including the refurbishment of The White Horse Inn?"**

Cllr Joyce raised concerns expressed some of those attending the Parish Meeting did not realise there would be a binding vote. It could have made it clearer that there could have been a binding vote at the end of the meeting.

Cllr Johnson responded that the notice calling the Parish Meeting was compliant with requirements and that he made the process clear during the meeting.

The Council resolved to agree with the decisions of the Parish Meeting in a; b; and c. above.

**d. The funding of the Village Poll from Parish Council funds: Proposed by Cllr. Whitfield, seconded by Cllr. Pritchard that the cost budgeted should not be more than £700.**

Resolved.

The costings for the Village Poll may need to be revisited if the Village Poll does not take place on the day of the election for the casual vacancy.

Members agreed that prior to the Village Poll there should be a factual leaflet drop informing members of the electorate about the village poll including relevant voting information. The leaflet will need to be compliant with electoral procedures.

Meeting closed at 8.55 pm