

THREE RIVERS DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of an extraordinary meeting of the **Regulatory Services Committee** held in the Penn Chamber, Three Rivers House, Rickmansworth, on Tuesday 16 January 2018 from 7.30pm to 7.55pm.

Present: Councillors Steve Drury (Chairman), Martin Trevett (Vice-Chairman), Eric Bishop, Valerie Coltman, Heather Kenison, Stephen King, Joy Mann, Sarah Nelmes, Ralph Sangster, and Roger Seabourne.

Officers: Steven Halls - Chief Executive
Michael Summerville - Electoral Services Manager
Sherrie Ralton - Committee Manager

RG01/18 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were none.

RG02/18 REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES

At the meeting held on 6 December 2017 the Committee received a report on the Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places. At the meeting the Committee deferred the decision on Items 5.1 and 5.4 included within the report. A further review had taken place with further submissions received for consideration and agreement.

Chorleywood North and Sarratt Ward

The Committee agreed to the transfer of 3 streets, Colley Land, Homefield Road and Station Approach to BAC. Betjeman Gardens, Common Road (part) Darvells Yard and Old Common road remain in PD BAAA.

On Item 5.4 the Electoral Services Manager had visited the new Scout Hut at the Pavilion site and said it looked suitable for use as a polling station. The following points were raised:

- A Member asked why it was necessary to have two polling stations. The Electoral Services Manager advised that there were 2,673 electors but the Electoral Commission Guide stated a maximum number of 2,500 voters per Polling Station.
- A Member had spoken to the three Ward Members who supported the original recommendation.
- Residents may be confused with a split to 2 Polling Stations.
- A Member asked how many people actually voted there. The Electoral Services Manager said the turnout was 40 – 50% dependent upon the election.
- The original location contained the whole electorate but the request for new premises had been made due to concerns about lack of privacy due to the Polling Booths being too close together.
- The cost of hiring the Scout Hut would be approximately £300 against £1,100 for the Portakabin.

It was recommended that the Districts be kept as they were for the forthcoming Election using the new premises. This would be closely monitored and reviewed after the Election.

On being put to the Committee recommendation was declared CARRIED the voting being 9 For, 0 Against and 1 Abstention.

RESOLVED:-

Chorleywood North and Sarratt

Agreed to the transfer of 3 streets; Colley Land, Homefield Road and Station Approach to BAC. Betjeman Gardens, Common Road (part), Darvells Yard and Old Common Road remain in PD BAAA, in relation to Chorleywood North and Sarratt.

Oxhey Hall and Hayling Ward

Agreed that Oxhey Hall and Hayling Ward be kept as they were for the forthcoming Election using the new premises, these to be closely monitored and reviewed after the Election.

CHAIRMAN