

AXMINSTER TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PIPPINS COMMITTEE

Held at Axminster Guildhall on Monday, 21st January at 7.30 p.m.

1. PRESENT : Cllrs. J.W. Walden, (Chairman), B.R. Watson, A.L. Young and the Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk.

No members of the public or press.

2. APOLOGIES : Cllrs. L.A. Rowe (Vice-chairman), C.A. Doherty, P G. Hayward, D.R.H. Hull and A.J.E. Seward and the Deputy Town Clerk.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

CLLR. WALDEN SAID THAT HE WAS SAFE-GUARDING OFFICER AT THE YOUTH CLUB.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM:: Cllr. Walden signed the minutes of the previous meeting. There were no matters arising.

5 . PUBLIC FORUM: None.

6. FINANCIAL UPDATE: The Deputy Town Clerk had circulated a summary version of the detailed receipts and payments relating to Pippins during the current financial year. This showed that to date there was a slight excess of income over expenditure.

7. UPDATE ON POSITION REGARDING DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL LEASE: although the Town Council had agreed the previous week that it was not minded to run Pippins jointly with any other group, it had resolved nonetheless to attend a meeting which had been arranged with another group which had submitted an expression of interest in taking on the building as it was felt that the Town Council had information regarding the building survey which might be helpful to them. The Town Council was still keen to have a response from Devon County Council to its solo bid, though noting that that bid had been made on the understanding that no final decision could be made until details were received from Devon County Council regarding the financial charges it would make to the Town Council.

8. MORATORIUM ON NON-ESSENTIAL SPENDING AT PIPPINS: The Deputy Mayor proposed that a moratorium be introduced on any non-essential spending relating to Pippins pending the outcome of discussions on the lease. Cllr. Walden seconded the proposal. Carried.

9. MAINTENANCE MATTERS:

a) Internal – the Handyman will be asked to repair the faulty internal emergency lighting unit if possible.

b) External – the Handyman will be asked to repair the faulty external emergency light on the fire escape route from the stairwell.

The external lighting will be kept switched off when the building is not occupied.

Signed Date