

**Council**  
**22 MARCH 2018**

Present: Councillors: Peter Burgess (Vice-Chairman), John Bailey, Andrew Baldwin, John Blackall, Toni Bradnum, Alan Britten, Karen Burgess, John Chidlow, Philip Circus, David Coldwell, Leonard Crosbie, Ray Dawe, Brian Donnelly, Nigel Jupp, Liz Kitchen, Adrian Lee, Gordon Lindsay, Tim Lloyd, Paul Marshall, Christian Mitchell, Mike Morgan, Godfrey Newman, Stuart Ritchie, Kate Rowbottom, Jim Sanson, David Skipp, Claire Vickers and Michael Willett

Apologies: Councillors: Jonathan Chowen, Paul Clarke, Roy Cornell, Christine Costin, Matthew French, Tony Hogben, David Jenkins, Ben Staines and Tricia Youtan

Absent: Councillors: Jonathan Dancer, Billy Greening, Josh Murphy, Brian O'Connell, Connor Relleen and Simon Torn

CO/70 **DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interest.

CO/71 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Vice-Chairman referred to the sad news that the Chairman of the Council and Member for Cowfold, Shermanbury and West Grinstead, Councillor Roger Clarke, had recently passed away following a period of ill-health and reported that the Council's sincere condolences had been sent to his wife.

Members stood and observed a minute's silence in his memory.

The Chairman gave details of the civic memorial service that would be held on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2018. The funeral would be held in private.

The Vice-Chairman, the Leader and the Leader of the minority Group all paid tribute to Councillor Clarke.

CO/72 **RECOMMENDATION FROM CABINET**

Two members of the public spoke in objection to the proposed additional budget.

The Cabinet Member for Finance and Assets reported that Cabinet, at its meeting earlier in the day, had considered and approved the authorisation of the Director of Planning, Economic Development and Property to enter into a contract for the redevelopment of the car park at Piries Place within the

proposed new budget figure of £8,000,000, subject to Council's approval of the additional supplementary capital budget.

Council was therefore requested to approve the additional supplementary capital budget to enable the project to proceed.

It was moved by Councillor Brian Donnelly and seconded by Councillor Gordon Lindsay that the recommendation should be approved.

RESOLVED

That a supplementary capital budget of up to £750,000 be approved in addition to the figure of £7,250,000 previously approved on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2017, thus increasing the total budget to £8,000,000.

REASON

To allow the Council to proceed with the demolition of the existing multi storey car park and replacement with a new larger facility, which will meet modern standards and customer expectations.

CO/73 **URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no urgent business.

*The meeting closed at 7.26 pm having commenced at 6.45 pm*

CHAIRMAN