



SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (MINUTE EXTRACT)

BURNLEY TOWN HALL

Thursday, 10th February, 2022 at 6.30 pm

81. Sale of Land at Holme Road (also known as Stoneyholme Recreation Ground)

Ian Chapman was present for this item

Howard Hamilton Smith reported on the proposed sale of land at Holme Road in Burnley.

Members made the following points;

-Residents were not fully consulted on the disposal of the land, it should retain its recreational status, any sale should be carried out on the open market and be revalued, that if realised at less than market value then be scrutinised further, the local community will be further penned in if the proposed sale takes place, and that a cabin should, be considered for the Friends of Clifton Street.

Lukman stated that the level of consultation was above and beyond what was required as set out in Paragraph 8 and reported on the statutory ability to dispose of land at an undervalue of up to £2 Million nature of sales at an undervalue for social or economic reasons. However the proposal here is not to dispose at an undervalue.

IT WAS AGREED

That the report be noted.

83. Exclusion of the Public

Members determined to exclude the public from the meeting before discussion took place on the items of business relating to Minute 85 (Item 23 Lower St James Street Heritage Action Zone), and Minute 84 (Item 24 Sale of Land at Holme Road) on the grounds that in view of the nature of the business to be transacted if the public were present there would be a disclosure to them of exempt information within the meaning of Part VA of the Local Government Act 1972

84. Sale of Land at Holme Road (also known as Stoneyholme Recreation Ground)

This item was the next to be dealt with.

Howard Hamilton Smith reported further on the Sale of Land at Holme Road and referred to Paragraph 9 which contained Private information on the estimated value of the site. Members further discussed Paragraph 9 of Appendix 2 to the report, and a Motion was put forward by Councillor Martyn Hurt which was seconded by Councillor Scott Cunliffe to ring fence part of the sale money for a cabin for the Friends of Clifton Street. On being put to the vote the motion was lost.

IT WAS AGREED

That the report be endorsed, and that further clarity be obtained from the College regarding the issues referred to in Paragraph 9 of Appendix 2 regarding firming up their commitment to the Friends of Clifton Street to provide a portacabin.