

Calbourne, Newtown & Porchfield Parish Council

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To all members of Calbourne Parish Council. You are summonsed to a deferred Meeting of the Council that will be held on Thursday 28th April 2016 at 7pm at Porchfield and Newtown Village Hall for the completion of agenda item 6.16b.

CONTINUED A G E N D A FROM 4TH APRIL 2016

6.16b To Resolve the next steps regarding the Sportsman's Rest.

RESOLVED:-

THAT the Clerk would contact Ashley Curzon in view of the correspondence received from the owners of the property for an update on the legal situation and bring information back to the Council and that this agenda item is deferred pending further information and that a meeting of the Council will be reconvened for the public to receive the information as soon as possible.

MEMBERS PRESENT AT RECONVENED MEETING:- Cllr Blackwood, Cllr Weeks and Cllr Mathrick. Apologies were received from Cllr Pike due to him being on holiday.

15 Local Residents were present at the meeting.

The Clerk reported on her meeting with Ashley Curzon at the Isle of Wight Council. At that meeting she was informed that if the village were going to exercise the right to buy the registered community asset the Isle of Wight Council had to be informed of that decision by the 2nd May 2016 and they would have 6 months to put together their bid.

This would not guarantee of them being able to buy the Sportsman's Rest as the owners can choose who they sell too. She reported on a robust telephone conversation that she had with Peter Harding one of the buyers who was wishing to purchase the building. This resulted in a confirmation email in which he stated:-

"Hopefully I have given you the confidence you require to confirm we are retaining this as a trading pub and we will be looking for a suitable tenant to trade the pub"

The Council opened up the meeting to hear Resident's comments and answer their questions.

Residents took part in a wide ranging discussion about the Sportsman's Rest. There had been no-one coming forward with any plans or finances to continue to pursue the "Right to Buy." At the end of the discussion a show of hands was asked for to indicate if they supported the pub being sold to the prospective purchaser. There was an overwhelming agreement by the Residents present at the meeting that they supported the sale and were pleased the purchaser had stated that they were retaining it as a trading pub.

The Councillors after listening to the Residents present at the meeting reconvened the Council Meeting.

RESOLVED:-

THAT the Council notify Ashley Curzon that they are not pursuing the "Right to Buy" the Sportsman's Rest due to the assurance given to the Council by the proposed purchaser that they are to retain the Sportsman's Rest as a trading pub.

Signed

Date