



Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Great Notley Parish Council held on 18th November 2024 at the Community Centre Great Notley

Meeting commenced at 8.36pm

Present: Councillors Cogswell, Crawford, Pritchard, Sheppard and the Clerk & RFO

1 member of the public was also present for the duration of the meeting.

Councillors unanimously elected Councillor Sheppard to preside as Acting Chair for this extraordinary meeting.

24/115: Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors Griffin and Ricci.

24/116: Declarations of Interest

None.

24/117: Public Question Time

1 member of the public remained in attendance following attendance at the Council meeting which preceded this meeting, though the resident took no active involvement in this meeting.

24/118: To Discuss the Purchase of the Electric Utility Vehicle

The Clerk & RFO provided an oral update on the delivery of the EUV which had taken place on 13th November. Firstly, the EUV had been delivered without being road registered (no registration plates had been fitted to the vehicle and it had not been registered with the DVLA). Secondly, the vehicle was left-hand drive, which the company had not stated in any of the communications with the Council during the process of its sale. Thirdly, the rear 'buck', which the Council had paid to have extended to increase capacity to store 37 rubbish sacks, was not sufficiently big to meet the Council's needs. The Clerk & RFO had been particularly concerned that a lack of road registration meant that the vehicle could not be insured and, for this reason, it was arranged that the company (Electric Wheels) collected the vehicle on 14th November so that it could be stored securely at their warehouse, which would be covered by their insurance, until these three issues are resolved.

Councillors agreed that legal advice must be sought so that the Council can fully understand its legal rights as a consumer given these three identified issues. Councillors unanimously **agreed** that the Clerk & RFO should seek immediate legal advice from a Contracts Lawyer at Holmes & Hill. The Clerk & RFO was advised not to reply to Electric Wheels until legal advice had been sought.

Action: The Clerk & RFO

24/119 Chairman to close the meeting

The meeting was closed at 9.02pm.