



EAST GRINSTEAD TOWN COUNCIL

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FULL COUNCIL

Minutes of an extraordinary meeting held on Tuesday 16th December 2025

Present:

Cllr J Belsey* (Town Mayor)
Cllr S Reeves (Deputy Town Mayor)*
Cllr S Barnett
Cllr M Belsey
Cllr H Farren
Cllr L Gibbs
Cllr I Gibson
Cllr E Godwin
Cllr T Hughes
Cllr J Mockford*
Cllr S Ody*
Cllr A Peacock
Cllr C Pond
Cllr T Scott*
Cllr F Visser*
Cllr R Whittaker

* = absent

In attendance: Town Clerk & Deputy Town Clerk

Cllr. Farren chaired the meeting in the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair.

51 Apologies for Absence

Cllrs J Belsey, Mockford, Ody, Reeves and Scott offered their apologies which were noted. Cllr Visser was absent.

52 To receive any Declarations of Personal or Pecuniary Interest

None.

53 Confidential Business

Council resolved to exclude the press, broadcast media and public (pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960) during consideration of the following confidential business to be conducted:

To consider options for the future of St Margaret's Loop

RESOLVED: For the meeting to be held under confidential business due to the commercial nature of the discussions.

A confidential report was circulated detailing the options for consideration.

These were discussed with observations made regarding the pros and cons of each, including noting the ongoing liabilities that would remain to the Council if the land was retained, and how the land could be used in future once Railway Paths had sold their section.

RESOLVED: To proceed to dispose of the land parcel St Margaret's Loop (WSX64824) at auction as detailed in Option 1 of the confidential report following the procedures noted, including prior advertising by way of a public notice as required under the Local Government Act 1972 ss123 (2A). The land would be included in the same auction sale as the Railway Paths-owned section. Officers would liaise with the auctioneer in relation to fees in the event the land did not sell, and instruct the solicitor to create the sale pack.

Meeting closed at 7.10pm.

The date of the next meeting of the Town Council is **Monday 26th January 2026**

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