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### ANGMERING PARISH COUNCIL EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD AT ANGMERING VILLAGE HALL AT 2PM ON MONDAY 18 AUGUST 2025

**Present:** Councillors Nikki Hamilton-Street (Chair), John Oldfield, Sylvia Verrinder, Alison Reigate, David Marsh, Carey Bennett and Paul Bicknell

**In Attendance:** Katie Herr (Clerk) and Tracy Lees (Committee Clerk)

AGENDA ITEM	MINUTE NO.	AGENDA POINT	ACTION FOR
1	25/001	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> Apologies were received and approved for Cllr. Alan Evans. Apologies were not received or approved for Cllr. Norma Harris	
2	25/002	<b>DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.</b> None.	
3	25/003	<b>PUBLIC CONSULTATION</b> No members of the public were present, or questions sent in.	
4	25/004	<b>CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING FOR RULE 6 STATUS PARTICIPATION – PLANNING APPLICATION REF: A/154/24/OUT</b> The Chair explained the Clerk had sent all the relevant paperwork prior to the meeting to all councillors, however since then APC had received an email with the up to date costs and therefore had provided each member of the committee with an updated paper version at this meeting. She then went onto explain how these figures had been reached and why they had suddenly increased to £96,000. The new figures included a list of potential experts that needed to be discussed before they were instructed, some may not be required. It was stated that these new figures where a worst-case scenario and that APC were more likely looking at around £65k plus VAT. The Chair and the Clerk are due to attend another meeting today at 4pm – with the Protect Farmland West of Bewley Road Group (PFWBR Group), the barrister, planning specialist and planning solicitor. This meeting would give more clarity over the experts required.	

The Chair then went on to explain her understanding of where ADC are with this appeal and they have scheduled an extraordinary planning meeting for 28 August 2025. We have been advised that the Bewley Road Development will be the only item on the agenda and that it will be a confidential item

because it could prejudice the future case at appeal, so there will be no members of the public allowed.

The company APC are working with (Richard Buxton Solicitors) have come highly recommended regarding their work with Rule 6 parties. The selected barrister and planner have worked on previous cases together and come highly recommended for this type of work too.

It was also confirmed that the PFWBR and APC would now officially be called Angmering Community Alliance and a memorandum of understanding to confirm this was sent to all councillors prior to this meeting. A copy will be signed by the PFWBR Group and returned for Cllr. Nikki Hamilton-Street to sign.

After all the facts and information had been given by the Clerk and the Chair a lengthy discussion took place with various scenarios being put forward. This included past experiences, consideration as to if the precept should be put up and could this expenditure potentially affect other projects in the future. The funding would be taken from the councils general reserves.

A question was asked around being able to get costs awarded back to APC if the appeal was won. Sadly, winning does not mean any money spent would be returned so this could not be a consideration in making the decision.

Cllr. Bicknell gave his thoughts and said he felt more money should be earmarked for the appeal. He spoke on a few scenarios and gave his opinion on the process.

*At 14:16 Cllr. Reigate left the room, she returned at 14:18.*

The conversation then moved on to advise that the PFWBR were in the process of setting up a bank account which will allow them to start crowd funding. They want to raise between £15k - £20k but this can not be guaranteed, and they would obviously try to raise as much as possible.

The Chair then said that a decision needed to be made to agree the maximum amount APC are prepared to spend based on the sheets in front of them. During the discussion the process and monies involved were clarified by the Clerk and the Chair. Concerns were raised over the amount needed to be spent and how the crowd funding monies would be spent. The Clerk explained what monies were available to APC now and any future monies due to come in, such as the next precept payment from ADC.

The Chair confirmed the strength of the Council's and the village's opposition to the potential development and noted the progress that has already been made through the establishment of the Angmering Community Alliance



### DECISIONS

The Chair then stated that a decision needed to be made on the amount of funding to be given to support the appeal. The following was agreed:

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**RESOLUTION:** Cllr. Bicknell **PROPOSED** a sum of £80,000.00 with a £10,000 contingency. Cllr. Marsh **SECONDED** and **5 AGREED, 1 ABSTAINED**

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The Clerk will keep everyone updated as things move forward and can't foresee another meetings being needed before the next Full Council meeting on Monday 8 September 2025.

The council also had to decide if they agreed to delegate authority to the Clerk, in consultation with the Chair of the Council, to oversee the budget and, in collaboration with members of the Angmering Community Alliance, commission the necessary professional support to progress the Rule 6 case. And note the formation of the Angmering Community Alliance as the working partnership between APC and PFWBR for the purpose of this appeal.

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**RESOLUTION:** Cllr. Bicknell **PROPOSED** to delegate authority to the Clerk, in consultation with the Chair of the Council, to oversee the budget and, in collaboration with members of the Angmering Community Alliance, commission the necessary professional support to progress the Rule 6 case. Also to note the formation of the Angmering Community Alliance as the working partnership between APC and PFWBR for the purpose of this appeal.

Cllr. Verrinder **SECONDED** and **ALL AGREED**

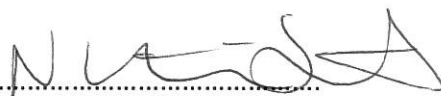
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### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting scheduled of the Parish Council is Monday 8 September 2024 at 7.30pm in the King Suite of Angmering Village Hall.

**The meeting concluded at 14:47.**

Chair.....



Date.....08/09/2025.