**MINUTES OF AN EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING OF NORMANTON TOWN COUNCIL**

**Held on Tuesday 15th May 2018 at 6.30pm at Normanton Town Hall**

Present: Councillor D. Appleyard

Councillor R. Best

Councillor Mrs E. Blezard

Councillor Miss J. Botterill

Councillor J. Hepworth

Councillor F.D. Jones – Mayor

Councillor Mrs H.W. Jones

Councillor Mrs L. Masterman

Councillor B. Mayne

Councillor Mrs P. Mayne

Councillor Mrs C. Moran, BEM

Councillor Mrs M. Vickers – Deputy Mayor

Councillor A. Wassell

Councillor K. Wilson, JP

Councillor Mrs A. Wood

**30. Welcome and Apologies**

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Members apologies for their inability to attend were recorded in the apology book.

The Deputy Mayor led the Council in prayers.

**31. Members Declarations of Interest**

Members were reminded of the requirement to make an appropriate declaration at the meeting on any item in which they had an interest.

There were no declarations made.

**32. Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960**

RESOLVED that item 4 relating to Norwood Street be taken in private due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

**33. Land at Norwood Street**

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Mrs C. Moran, BEM, reminded members that in accordance with Standing Order Section 1, Part T, all speeches would be limited to five minutes. The Leader went on to say that it was the first time that Standing Order 7a had been used to alter a decision of Council and she was disappointed that it had been used on this occasion.

The Town Clerk reported that she had sought advice from Yorkshire Local Councils Association and they had confirmed that the advice given by the Clerk relating to altering a decision of Council and the subsequent actions of Council were correct and that it was reasonable to refer the decision back to full Council.

Members discussed the situation in detail, having regard to the request from Mr Parker, the written report of the surveyor and verbal advice from the surveyor and solicitor prior to the meeting.

A proposal was put forward to sell the land to the developer which was seconded.

An amendment was put forward to lease the land to the developer which was seconded.

The amendment and proposal were put to the vote and this resulted in an equality of votes which was then referred to the Chairman to use his casting vote.

RESOLVED that the Town Council dispose of the land at Norwood Street by sale to Mr Parker and that Councillors Mrs E. Blezard, B. Mayne and K. Wilson, JP, be appointed to move forward with negotiations with Councillor A. Wassell as an observer.

In the absence of any further business, the Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting.