

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL EMERGENCY COLNEY HEATH PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY 27th JULY 2004 AT 8.00 pm**

Present;- Cllr's D Crump-Chair-Cllr D Clarke-Cllr J Day-Cllr M Corley
Clerk;- Mr J E Dean
Asst Clerk;- Mrs Kim Parker-Mead

Attendees Ms Julie Capon-Pre School Learning Alliance-HCC

A Part 2 followed this meeting where no Public or Press are allowed to be present.

1. APOLOGIES;-

No apologies

2. DECLARATIONS;-

Cllr Hall had declared personal knowledge of a possible applicant in a job vacancy

3. PRESENTATION

The agenda subject was the closure of the Colney Heath Pre School. Starting a new term under PC control which requires professional guidance, as the owner and group leader were no longer available. The Clerk had arranged for a Ms Capon to join the meeting in the open part at short notice to brief members on the requirements legally, regulatory, and employment. This was followed by a question and answer session to give members accurate information covering all aspects of this sector of child care. Ms Capon has loaned books on the subject, it was agreed to contact her again.

Here began a Part II- >

4 THE PROPOSED PURCHASE OF THE SUE PACKER PRE SCHOOL

The Clerk had been in previous discussion with the owner to find out the value and Due Diligence aspect of the business. An outlook on the finances and inventory was given by the Clerk from his notes to those members present. It would seriously breach a business confidence to write those details here, the Clerks notes are available to any member to see if required. It was agreed negotiations continue. It is agreed equipment values should be scrutinised, no OFSTED in place is a pitfall.

Proposal;-

To authorise the Clerk in starting on behalf of the Parish Council the process of pre-negotiations and researching the business of operating the Sue Packer Pre School or other for community needs. Also alternative solutions to open a village Pre School.

Proposed- Cllr Hall

Secoded-Cllr Day

Agreed by all present

The meeting agreed to defer any further decisions until the validity of the business and inventory is qualified. The next meeting will be on 18th August 2004 at 8pm. It should be considered to have a part open meeting allowing views from parents.

Members are reminded of the issues of confidentiality personal details and data protection in matters of this debate.

Meeting closed at 9.25

John Dean
Clerk to the Council