

FARMS (INTERVIEWING) ESTATE COMMITTEE

19 November 2018

Present:-

County Councillors

Councillors R Edgell (Chair), J Brook and J Yabsley

Co-opted Members:-

Mrs L Warner (Tenants' representative)

* **60** **Items Requiring Urgent Attention**

There was no item raised as a matter of urgency.

* **61** **Exclusion of the Press and Public**

RESOLVED that the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of Schedule 12A of the Act, namely information relating to, and which was likely to reveal the identity of, tenants and information relating to the financial or business affairs of tenants and the County Council and, in accordance with Section 36 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, by virtue of the fact that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

* **62** **Farm Relettings: Furze Cottages Farm, Ashreigney and Fairfield Farm, Denbury**

(a) **Furze Cottages Farm, Ashreigney**

The Head of Digital Transformation and Business Support reported on the circumstances of this reletting. The Committee then considered the rent for the holding and interviewed prospective tenants.

It was **MOVED** by Councillor Brook, **SECONDED** by Councillor Edgell and

RESOLVED

(i) that the tenancy of Furze Cottages Farm, Ashreigney be offered to Mr DW subject to the terms and conditions proposed and, in the event that Mr DW should not take up the offer of tenancy, the farm be offered in the alternative to Mr BP as runner up; and

(ii) that the farmhouse buildings and 89.85 acres or thereabouts of land at Moorhouse Farm, Bovey Tracey be relet as a residential equipped mixed livestock holding on the open market to new entrants and on a Farm Business Tenancy Agreement commencing 25 March 2019 and terminating 25 March 2026, subject to terms being agreed.

(b) **Fairfield Farm, Denbury**

The Head of Digital Transformation and Business Support reported on the circumstances of this reletting. The Committee then considered the rent for the holding and interviewed prospective tenants.

It was **MOVED** by Councillor Brook, **SECONDED** by Councillor Yabsley and

RESOLVED

(i) that the tenancy of Fairfield Farm, Denbury be offered to Mr JL subject to the terms and conditions proposed and, in the event that Mr JL should not take up the offer of tenancy, the farm be offered in the alternative to Mr JP as runner up;

(ii) that NG 2859 and 3357 amounting to 2.23 acres or thereabouts be let on commercial terms to the Parish Council for Community Use and, in the event that terms cannot be agreed with the Parish Council, the land be amalgamated with Fairfield Farm, subject to terms being agreed; and

(iii) that the farmhouse buildings and 72.54 acres or thereabouts of land at Coppa Dolla Farm, Denbury be relet as a residential equipped mixed livestock holding on the open market to new entrants and on a Farm Business Tenancy Agreement commencing 25 March 2019 and terminating 25 March 2026, subject to terms being agreed.

***DENOTES DELEGATED MATTER WITH POWER TO ACT**

The Meeting started at 9.00 am and finished at 4.00 pm

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