

FARMS ESTATE COMMITTEE – DECISION NOTICE

27 September 2021

Present:-

Councillors J Yabsley (Chair), J Brook (Vice-Chair), J Berry, A Dewhirst, L Samuel, C Whitton and L Warner

Apologies:-

Councillors H Gent

* **5 The Veterans Farm Able Foundation**

RESOLVED that the County Farms Estate Land Agent explore possibilities and report back to a future Committee.

* **6 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.

a **Management and Restructuring**

(a) **Part New Ford Farm, Rockbeare**

RESOLVED that approval be given to the commencement of subject to contract and planning negotiations with a solar farm developer with a view to granting:

- (i) an option agreement for a solar park development lease of 38.54 acres or thereabouts of land at Rockbeare; and
- (ii) a solar park development lease of the 38.54 acres or thereabouts of land at Rockbeare for a term of up to 40 years, provided that the revenue generated by the proposed solar farm lease be retained by the County Farm Estate.

(b) Lower Northchurch Farm, Yarnscombe

RESOLVED that endorsement be given to possession proceedings for Lower Northchurch Farm, Yarnscombe being concluded and that in due course the holding be advertised to let on the open market as a new entrant opportunity and on a Farm Business Tenancy for a term of up to seven years, all subject to terms being agreed.

b **Request for Landlord's Consent for proposed Tenant's Improvements**

RESOLVED that landlord's consent be granted for the tenant of Westcott Farm, Burlescombe to construct a 90' x 30' x 17' to eaves steel portal frame general purpose shed for the storage of hay and other consumables, subject to the improvement being written down in value to £100 on a straight line basis over a life expectancy of 20 years if the steel work is painted or 25 years if the steel work is galvanised.

c **Outstanding Debts**

(Councillor Samuel declared a personal interest in this item by virtue of knowing the person named in the Report.)

RESOLVED that procedures for writing-off the bad debt of £40,461 be commenced, as referred to in Report CT/21/85.