

FARMS ESTATE (INTERVIEWING) COMMITTEE

21 December 2020

Present:

County Councillors

Councillors R Edgell (Chair), J Brook and C Chugg

Co-opted Members

Mrs L Warner (Tenants' representative)

* 148 **Items Requiring Urgent Attention**

There was no matter raised as a matter of urgency.

* 149 **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.

* 150 **Farm Re-letting: Southcott Farm, Okehampton, Middle Winsham Farm, Braunton, Lomans Farm, Broadhempston and Buckridge Farm, Denbury**

(An item taken under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 during which the press and public were excluded, no representations having been received to such consideration under Regulation 5(5) of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012).

(a) **Buckridge 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 Edgell and

RESOLVED that the tenancy of Buckridge Farm, Denbury be offered to Mr WF on the subject to contract terms and conditions proposed and in the event that Mr WF does not take up the offer of tenancy the farm offered in the alternative to Mr BF as first runner up or Mr AH as second runner up.

(b) **Lomans Farm, Broadhempston**

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 Chugg and

RESOLVED that the tenancy of Lomans Farm, Broadhempston be offered to Mr BF on the subject to contract terms and conditions proposed and in the event that Mr BF does not take up the offer of tenancy the farm be offered in the alternative to Mr AH as runner up.

(c) **Southcott Farm, Okehampton**

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 Edgell, **SECONDED** by Councillor Brook and

RESOLVED that the tenancy of Southcott Farm, Okehampton be offered to Mr TF on the subject to contract terms and conditions proposed.

(d) **Middle Winsham Farm, Braunton**

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 Edgell, **SECONDED** by Councillor Brook and

RESOLVED

- (i) that the tenancy of part Middle Winsham Farm, Braunton comprising the house, buildings and 100 acres or thereabouts of land be offered to Mr CH for an initial term of two years commencing 25 March 2021 and expiring 25 March 2023 subject to terms being agreed.
- (ii) that the 123 acres or thereabouts of bare land forming part Middle Winsham Farm, Braunton be offered temporarily to the current tenant Mr AS or the tenant of Prixford Barton Farm, Marwood for a term of two years commencing 25 March 2021 and expiring 25 March 2023 subject to terms being agreed.
- (iii) that at 25 March 2023 Middle Winsham Farm, Braunton comprising the house, buildings and 223 acres or thereabouts of land be offered to Mr CH on a Farm Business Tenancy for a term of five years expiring at 25 March 2028, subject to terms being agreed.
- (iv) In the alternative to (i) and (iii) above and in the event that Mr CH does not take up the offer of tenancy in (i) above the farm be offered to Mr JT as runner up.

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

The Meeting started at 9.00 am and finished at 6.00 pm

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