

**FARMS ESTATE COMMITTEE – DECISION NOTICE**

15 May 2023

Present:-

Councillors J Yabsley (Chair), J Brook, J Berry, A Dewhirst, L Samuel, and C Whitton M Broom – Devon Young Farmers' representative T Forward – Tenants' representative

Apologies:-

Councillors H Gent and Mrs L Warner

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\* **6**        **Management and Restructuring Issues**

(a) Part Cordwents Farm, Halberton

**RESOLVED** that

- (i) the consent for the tenant to place fixtures, fittings, chattels or improvements on the site be expanded from 'a temporary/portable skate park' to 'a temporary/portable skate park or similar teen focused equipment'; and
- (ii) the Halberton Parish Council be granted a five year security of tenure excluded common law tenancy of 0.5 acre or thereabouts of land forming NG Pt 3881 forming part Cordwents Farm, Halberton for the sole use of providing a community growing space, subject to terms being agreed.

(b) Part Nutcombe Farm, Rose Ash and Markhams Farm, Ide

Due to the sensitive and confidential nature of the questions raised, the Committee agreed to consider these matters under Part II of the meeting.

(c) Land at Lower Farm, High Bickington

**RESOLVED** that the 7.37 hectares (18.21 acres) or thereabouts of barn and land at High Bickington be advertised to let in internal competition between the tenants of Lower Farm, High Bickington; Great Blakewell Farm, Chittlehampton; Lower Northchurch Farm, Yarnscombe; Furze Cottages Farm, Ashreigney; Furze Barton Farm, Ashreigney; and Ten Oaks Farm, Roborough on a six year Farm Business Tenancy (or for a shorter term to co-terminate with the term date of the successful tenant's main holding tenancy) commencing as soon as practically and legally possible, subject to terms being agreed.

\* **8**      **Holdings and Tenancies etc.**

1. (a) Part Nutcombe Farm, Rose Ash

**RESOLVED** that

- (i) the tenant's proposed voluntary surrender of NG 0017 extending to 0.78 acres or thereabouts of land be accepted; and
- (ii) that NG 0017 extending to 0.78 acres or thereabouts of land be declared permanently surplus to the operational requirements of the estate so that it can be sold to the neighbouring special purchaser.

(b) Markhams Farm, Ide

**RESOLVED** that

- (i) the tenant's proposed early surrender of his tenancy of Markhams Farm and his supplemental tenancy of Part Markhams Farm, be accepted; and
- (ii) the farmhouse, buildings and 111.67 hectares (276.03 acres) or thereabouts of land at Markhams Farm, Ide be advertised to let as an equipped residential progression dairy farm in internal competition between existing tenants of the Estate and on a Farm Business Tenancy for a term of up to 15 years commencing 25 March 2024 and expiring 25 March 2039, subject to terms being agreed.

2. **RESOLVED** that landlord's consent be granted for the tenant of Coppa Dolla Farm, Denbury to construct a 60' x 45' steel portal frame livestock building, such consent to be subject to the improvement being written down in value to £100 on a straight line basis over a life expectancy of 25 years for a galvanised iron building or 20 years for a painted steel building.