

FARMS ESTATE (INTERVIEWING) COMMITTEE

23 September 2022

Present:-

Councillors J Yabsley (Chair), J Brook (Vice-Chair), L Samuel and Mrs L Warner

* **41** **Items Requiring Urgent Attention**

There was no item raised as a matter of urgency.

* **42** **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.

43 **Farm Re-letting: Great Blakewell Farm, Chittlehampton.**

(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).

The Head of Digital Transformation and Business Support (Interim) reported on the circumstances of this reletting.

The Committee then considered the rent for the holdings and interviewed prospective tenants.

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

RESOLVED that:

- (i) the tenancy of Great Blakewell Farm, Chittlehampton be offered to Mrs JRW and Mr ML as a progression tenancy on the subject to contract terms and conditions proposed and in the event that Mrs

- JRW and Mr ML do not take up the offer of tenancy the farm can be offered in the alternative to Mr OJ as runner up;
- (ii) Mrs JRW be required to surrender her tenancy of Little Stone Farm, South Molton with effect from 25 March 2023; and
 - (iii) Little Stone Farm, South Molton be advertised to let on the open market to new entrants as a starter farm for a term of seven years commencing 25 March 2023 and terminating 25 March 2030, subject to terms being agreed.

NOTES:

1. *Minutes should always be read in association with any Reports for a complete record.*
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* **DENOTES DELEGATED MATTER WITH POWER TO ACT**

The Meeting started at 9.30 am and finished at 1.00 pm