

FARMS ESTATE (INTERVIEWING) COMMITTEE

18 January 2024

Present:-

Councillors J Yabsley (Chair) (part), J Brook (Vice-Chair), A Dewhirst (part), C Whitton and L Warner (Tenants' representative)

* **110** **Items requiring urgent attention**

There was no matter raised as a matter of urgency.

* **111** **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.

* **112** **Farm Reletting: Middle Yeo Farm, Down St Mary and Perriton Barton Farm, Whimble**

(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 Director of Transformation and Business Services reported on the circumstances of these relettings.

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

(a) Middle Yeo Farm, Down St Mary

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

RESOLVED that the tenancy of Middle Yeo Farm, Down St Mary be offered to Mr GCJ on the subject to contract terms and conditions proposed and in the event that Mr GCJ does not take up the offer of tenancy the farm can be offered in the alternative to Mr GWE as runner up.

(b) Perriton Barn Farm, Whimble

Councillor Yabsley declared a prejudicial interest in this matter by virtue of working for an applicant's family farming partnership. This conflict had been declared before the interview date and as such Councillor Dewhirst had agreed to step in and the business plans for each of the applicants had been sent to him in advance.

Councillor Yabsley welcomed Councillor Dewhirst to the meeting, handed over the Chairmanship of the meeting to Councillor Brook and left the meeting.

It was **MOVED** by Councillor Dewhirst, **SECONDED** by Councillor Whitton and

RESOLVED that the tenancy of Perriton Barton Farm, Whimble be offered to Mr TL on the subject to contract terms and conditions proposed and in the event that Mr TL does not take up the offer of tenancy the farm can be offered in the alternative to Mr FMV as runner up.

NOTES:

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

The Meeting started at 9.00 am and finished at 5.00 pm