

002	<p><u>To receive Members' Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest made by Councillors.</p>
003	<p><u>Public participation – 15 minutes allowed</u></p> <p>No member of the public requested to speak</p>
004	<p><u>To approve the minutes of the previous meeting of the Full Council on 19 March 2024</u></p> <p>Proposed Cllr Lane Seconder Cllr Daymond</p> <p>'To approve the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 19 March 2024.'</p> <p>10 in Favour</p> <p>1 Abstention – Cllr J Pyatt who had not received the minutes</p>
005	<p><u>To receive recommendation from Property Committee and agree action:</u></p> <p><u>'That Downham Market Town Council investigate the sale of the land and building known as Paradise Garage, Paradise Road, Downham Market, Norfolk PE38 9HS to the current leaseholder.'</u></p> <p>Mr Ford (Snr), Director of Paradise Garage DM Ltd, spoke with the approval of The Mayor.</p> <p>Mr Ford advised that the directors had made a huge investment in the garage, including replacing the roof, installing EV charging points and revamping the reception. The directors would like to continue investing in the business but require the confidence of ownership to do this.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Daymond Seconder Cllr Sharman</p> <p>'To authorise the Town Clerk to arrange a valuation of Paradise Garage which is to be completed by the agent Landles, at a cost of £1,500 + VAT, and allow the Town Clerk to negotiate with Paradise Garage DM Ltd in order to bring the offer to Council in order for members to make a decision on whether to sell to the leaseholder.'</p> <p>10 in Favour</p> <p>1 Against – Cllr Perkin</p>

006	<p><u>To consider offers received in connection with the sale of the Town Council Offices 15 Paradise Rd Downham Market PE38 9HS and agree actions.</u></p> <p>The Town Clerk had forward the offers ahead of the meeting. To maintain confidentiality, the offers were named Buyer A & B.</p> <p>Buyer A – Cash Buyer / Offer £275,000 / Evidence of funds seen by agent</p> <p>Buyer B – Cash Buyer / Offer £275,000 / Evidence of funds seen by agent</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Leach Seconder Cllr Leivers</p> <p>‘To accept the offer made by Buyer B as this will give greater protection to an existing asset of the Town Council.’</p> <p>All in Favour</p>
007	<p><u>To receive a copy of the contract from ABZAG Ltd relating to completing the work on the Neighbourhood Plan and agree action</u></p> <p>Cllrs were concerned about the open nature of the contract and the ability for expenses to be claimed. Cllrs had wanted the comfort of a fixed fee contract. Members were concerned that although the Town Council would need to approve any expenses, members had previously been put in a position with other contractor where they were given no option but to approve the request as the contractor refused to complete the role otherwise.</p> <p>ABZAG Ltd had confirmed that this contract is their standard contract.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Leivers Seconder Cllr Lane</p> <p>‘That the Town Clerk be instructed not to sign the ABZAG Ltd contract and withdraw from completing the Neighbourhood Plan due to the unknown expense associated with the document completion.’</p> <p>10 in Favour</p> <p>1 Abstention – Cllr Hobbs</p>
008	<p><u>To receive Councillor Questions</u></p> <p>There were no questions received.</p>

009	<p><u>To submit items for next agenda</u></p> <p>There were no items put forward.</p>
010	<p><u>To confirm the date of the next two meetings:</u> <u>Annual Town Council Meeting including Mayor Making – Tuesday 07 May 2024</u> <u>Full Council – Tuesday 14 May 2024</u></p> <p>The meeting dates were confirmed. It was agreed that each meeting would be held at 7pm in the Town Hall.</p>
	Meeting closed: 7:15pm
	SIGNED
	DATE