

**MINUTES OF AN EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING OF BRADDAN PARISH
COMMISSIONERS**
held in Commissioners Office, Close Corran, Union Mills, Braddan at 2.00pm on
Thursday 14th March 2013

In Attendance

Mrs M Hodge	Chairman
Mr A Jessopp	Vice Chairman
Mr P Halsall	
Mr J Quaye	
Mr J C Whiteway	Clerk
Miss M Radcliffe	Deputy Clerk and Finance Officer

13/062	Apologies An apology for absence was received from Mr C Slinn who was off island.
13/063	Declaration of Interest There were no declarations of interest.
13/064	Issue of Summons / Agenda It was noted that all members had received Summons/Agenda at least three clear days before the date of the meeting.
	<u>Section 1:</u>
13/065	<p>Meeting with Cable and Wireless PA 12/01458/B The Chairman welcomed Mr Andrew Le Prevost and Mr Steve Allen who had been invited to discuss the planning application submitted by their company relating to the erection of mobile phone antennas at Vagabonds RUFC playing fields Ballafletcher Road.</p> <p>The Chairman invited questions from around the table and Mr Jessopp asked about the level of radiation from the antennas especially in an area where young people congregate. He asked why they had chosen Ballafletcher playing fields if they did not as a policy site masts on school playgrounds?</p> <p>He was advised that the masts emitted non ionising radiation that doesn't have an accumulative effect. They were focused directional antennas which were turned away from houses and the hospital. Within 5m the emissions were at only 0.2% of permitted levels set by EU guidelines which had been accepted by the World Health Organisation. They did not use school grounds because of a perceived, not real, concerns.</p> <p>When asked about alternative sites they advised that they failed to gain access to any other areas for the last 5 years and sharing facilities with Manx Telecom was not feasible.</p> <p>After further general discussions Mr Allen assured the Commissioners that they would test the antennas as soon as they were in operation and would release the results to the Authority.</p>

The gentleman were thanked for their attendance and left the meeting

After discussion and in the light of the responses it was **unanimously resolved** to withdraw the objection to the planning application.

13/066

Internal Audit Report

The Commissioners gave careful consideration to the Braddan Parish Commissioners Internal Audit Report for 1 April 2012 to 31 March 2013.

A management response on the following identified high, medium and low risk areas was agreed:

- Computer security
- Street lighting charges and maintenance responsibilities
- Charges at the Civic Amenity
- Direct debits system
- Human resources- staff appraisals, staff security and welfare
- On call housing system.

It was **unanimously resolved** that the management response would be sent to the Internal Auditors but a request was made for a report on the fees payable to staff for the housing on call system.

13/067

Strang Corner Field

A discussion was held on the management of the site and particular attention was paid to the two options of either allowing a developer to build and operate the site whilst paying a rental to the Authority for the right to build, or the site being developed and managed by the Authority.

It was understood that the site being operated by a developer reduced the financial risk, but this had to be balanced with the fact that this should be seen as a Parish amenity and that the exercise was not to generate a profit.

They also heard that informal discussions with businesses indicated that the proposed rental charges were not excessive.

After further debate it was **unanimously resolved** that the site would be developed and managed by the Authority on the understanding that as many aspects as possible to be leased or franchised out, the suggested incomes be verified by an accountancy firm and that planning approval in principle should be sought to determine if Planning saw it as a viable proposition and to gain further public comment.

13/068

Date for next meeting

A date for the next meeting had been previously set for 2pm on Thursday 21st March 2013.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 15.55 pm

M.A. Hoyle

Signed

21st March 2013

Date

CHAIRMAN'S INITIALS

M.A.H.