

Item 6 - Land at Jenkins Neck Wood, Shacklands Road, Badgers Mount

The attached report was considered by the Finance Advisory Committee on 15 November 2018. The relevant Minute extract is below.

Finance Advisory Committee (15 November 2018, Minute 30)

The Head of Economic Development presented the report which provided an update on the proposed disposal of surplus property assets at Jenkins Neck Wood, Shacklands Road, Badgers Mount. He advised that since the publication of the papers he had met with the owners of 1 Shacklands Cottages who had wanted some points raised. They felt aggrieved that they had not been granted the freehold only a leasehold in the decision made by Cabinet in 2008. They also wanted to comment on the Parish Council's letter attached as Appendix B to the report, stating that the trees that had been felled had been either dead or dying due to deer damage and had not been ancient woodland and there had been no tree preservation orders at that time. They did not believe they had been treated equitably.

Cllr Grint addressed the Committee as local ward councillor and parish councillor. He commented that the report was a fair summary of the current situation and reiterated the parish's concerns and desire that the land remain with the Council, was transferred to Badgers Mount Parish Council or was looked after by an independent trust.

Members were concerned that the land should remain protected which could not be guaranteed if it was sold privately. Members discussed the pros and cons of selling it as leasehold or freehold, but agreed it should remain under the Council's ownership or passed to the parish council.

Public Sector Equality Duty

Members noted that consideration had been given to impacts under the Public Sector Equality Duty.

Resolved: That it be recommended to Cabinet that the Advisory Committee's preferred option for the disposal of surplus land at Shacklands Road, Badgers Mount would be a transfer of the whole to the Parish Council for a nominal consideration by way of a grant of either the freehold or a long leasehold interest with any transfer subject to the Tree Preservation Order and suitable restrictions within any long leasehold interest.