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RESOLUTIONS MADE BY EVERDON PARISH COUNCIL UNDER ITEM 16 OF THEIR AGENDA AT THE MEETING ON MONDAY, 11TH FEBRUARY, 2019

ITEM 16: To consider the outcome of the discussions and consultation from the open evening held at Everdon Outdoor Learning Centre on 5th February and to determine the next course of action

The Chairman stated that the Parish Council isn't going to do anything or permit anything, monetary or otherwise, without having a mandate from the parishioners but that more information needed to be gathered.

The following resolutions were then passed:

1. To fully update all parishioners on developments pertaining to the Outdoor Learning Centre by way of a regular hand delivered newsletter with the first newsletter to be delivered by the end of this week.

2. To gather further information on the likely costs of undertaking legal and financial due diligence, carrying out a full structural survey and insuring for loss of rent in order to be able to appraise parishioners before seeking their views. This will not cost the Parish Council anything in terms of monetary expenditure because only a quote is being sought and there won't be any commitment to accept any of the quotes and move forward.

3. To seek permission from the Secretary of State at the Ministry of Housing,

Communities and Local Government for permission to apply for a loan on the basis that it is not the intention to increase the precept for this purpose. This is not a loan application and commits the Parish Council to absolutely nothing. Unless the Parish Council knows that it will be able to apply for the loan it cannot really progress and cannot advise parishioners.

(If permission to apply is granted, the permission will last a year and if circumstances change at all regarding the precept, so if it comes out in the wash or any investigation that the precept is going to have to increase by any amount then that permission would be invalid and the Parish Council would need to seek a new mandate to apply for the loan; it's on that basis and on that basis only).

4. To include the Outdoor Learning Centre as an agenda item for the Annual Parish Meeting on 8th April to enable further parishioners engagement and discussions. That might take the form of another presentation but the other information asked for in resolution 2 is needed.