

ARDINGLY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of extraordinary meeting of Ardingly Parish Council held on Wednesday, 1 February 2012 in the Reading Room from 7.30pm. (Ref: LGA 1972, Sch.12, paras. 9 & 25)

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING MINUTES

Present:	Mr G Ruse (Chair) Mr M Brixey Mrs R Chalk Ms S Chapman Mr T Clement Mr W Meldrum	Mr K Monk (Vice-Chair) Mr N Moorey Mrs F Rocks Mr D Walker In Attendance: Mrs A Rumble (Clerk) Mrs R Jarvis (RFO)
195.	To accept apologies for absence. Pam Dennis, David Hadden.	
196.	Neighbourhood Plan To discuss finance and expenditure for producing a Plan. The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming those present and explained that the meeting had been called to provide an opportunity to discuss costs and to consider if the service being provided by AiRS represented value for money. A discussion ensued around whether the Parish Council could produce a questionnaire within the timescales at a lower cost being proposed by AiRS. Various key points covered; design of questionnaire, method of distribution and collection, reference documents, protection of data and compliance with Data Protection Act, as well as timescales and costs. Several Councillors believed that the review should be carried out independently for impartiality and the need to demonstrate compliance with policies. Ms Chapman updated Councillors on the current funding application and if successful, how this will be distributed between MSDC and the Parish Council. Councillors recognised that there is some flexibility in the deadline and considered whether to delay the production of a questionnaire until the final Regulations on Neighbourhood Planning come into force, which is expected around April/May 2012. After the formal meeting the Council adjourned for an informal discussion on the implications of Neighbourhood Plans, with input from Claire Tester, MSDC Head of Economic Promotion and Planning.	

CONFIRMED MINUTES

SIGNED DATED