

That Shrewsbury Town Council resolves to: Accept the findings of the Redfern Report and in doing so unreservedly apologises to the residents of Greenfields, members of the GCG and the wider Shrewsbury community for our failure to properly identify the legal status of the land referred to as “the Site” and for our failures to adequately communicate and consult with them. In doing so we instruct the four group leaders to make recommendations to our next meeting on June 27th on:

Means by which the Site can be returned to public ownership and made available as a public amenity:

- Agent instructed to value the land based on outline permission for 8 homes and the current permission for 15. We are advised this isn't a straightforward process and may take several weeks.
- We believe that STC is entitled to buy the land under S124 of the Local Government Act (1972). Any proposed purchase of the land must be compliant against regulatory, statutory and fiduciary standards that STC applies on behalf of and in the interests of all its residents. We have sought and are awaiting legal advice plus consideration from auditors in this.
- Meeting held with developer and will meet with GCG.

The establishment of a process for mediation as referred at paras (e) and (f) of the Report:

- STC remain open to mediation, however initial inquiries indicate that other parties noted in the Redfern Report may not become involved.
- Further investigation of opportunities is required.

An appropriate process for dealing with inadequacies in our policy and procedures recognised within the report:

- A working party be established of officers and members with a full report and recommendations brought to Full Council by the end of the year
- Advice and models to be sought from NALC, LGA and peer councils
- Policies to be brought forward for assessment will include:
 - Asset Disposal Policy (new)
 - Community Engagement Strategy
 - Complaints Procedure (including Appeals)
 - Vexatious Complainants Policy (new)
 - Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Model Publication Scheme

Establishing an internal process, supported by expert advice, to identify those issues not dealt with in the Report as noted in the Post-script to the Report

Efforts underway to appoint independent support in HR, Planning and Legal matters to advise if further action is appropriate and necessary.