

Full Council

Date:	27 April 2021
Title:	Thame Football Partnership
Contact Officer:	Cassie Pinnells, Acting Town Clerk

Purpose of the Report

1. To approve the signing and sealing of the Deed of Variation from Oxfordshire County Council.

Background

2. Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) (the site owners/landlord of Church Farm, the site of Thame Football Partnership) approved permissions for the works to commence on site in December subject to a variation on the current lease.
3. The Acting Town Clerk investigated further with Thame Town Council's Solicitors to dispute that a Deed of Variation was required following clarification from OCC that the original lease relates to a specific planning consent and would require updating due to the new planning applications.
4. At the 13 November 2020 Full Council meeting it was explained that permission from Oxfordshire County Council, as the landowners, was crucial to ensure the funding for 3PG was not lost and project timelines were upheld. The Council accepted that OCC would only give permission for the works to commence in December, once the Deed of Variation to the headlease was accepted. The reviewed terms increased the annual rent from £50 to £1,500 with payment commencing in September 2021.
5. Oxfordshire County Council has an obligation to seek a fair revenue from Assets on behalf of all residents in Oxfordshire. The review was undertaken following historic evidence of the previous build, OCC acknowledged this is a community project hence why the reduced rent of £1,500 has been formalised.

Resource Appraisal

6. The Town Council budget will be revised in October 2021 going forward. This year the cost code will be over budget by £1,449 with the fee taken from general reserves.

Legal Powers

- Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act s19
- Localism Act 2011 s1 General Power of Competence

Recommendation:

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