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In Camera Agenda Item - Land Ownership Issue

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The Council was informed of the progress since the Extra-ordinary meeting held on 5 February 2019.

The situation was as follows:

- email was sent to the vendor on the 6 February confirming the Council agreed to purchase the car park area for the sum of £20k, and that if the vendor was in agreement, the Council would be in touch with their solicitors to start the proceedings.
- Response from vendor on 11 February stating he had expected to raise £25k for the carpark, and asking the Council to reconsider their offer. It was implied that if this sum was not achieved the land would be put up for auction.
- Clerk responded expressing surprise that the sum had increased from the £20k previously indicated and asked whether £20K would be acceptable if the Council offered to pay the vendor's reasonable costs.
- Following several prompts by email, the vendor responded on 19 February to say he was going on holiday and would respond in March.

The Council considered the situation and agreed that the offered purchase price should be increased to £25k, without paying costs, if the offer of £20,000 plus his costs is rejected by the vendor.

It is hoped that progress will be made to enable further discussion at the April Council meeting.

The following resolutions were agreed:

- to note the report*
- that the Council is willing to increase the purchase price to £25k, subject to contract and without paying additional costs, if the vendor does not agreed to the purchase price of £20k plus reasonable costs.*