

Council Meeting Thursday 14 June 2018

Questions and Statements by Members of the Public under Council Procedure Rule 9

From Roger Brooks to the Resources Portfolio Holder (Cllr A Vincent).

"On 12 April 2018 Cllr Lady Atkins addressed a clear and unambiguous question to the Resources Portfolio Holder namely; Why are Key Worker Homes delaying completion of the contract for development of Garstang Community Centre. Could we be given an indication when this would happen?

The Resources Portfolio Holder gave an equally clear and unambiguous reply;

"Key Worker Homes have given a number of reasons for the delaymost of which are covered by legal privilege. The Council have set a date of 31 May 2018 for the exchange of contracts with completion a couple of months after that and the purchaser has indicated they would beat that deadline.

If the exchange has not taken place the council will consider re marketing the site."

Most people would assume that in the circumstances an exchange of contracts would be unconditional but the contract that has now been offered by KWH is conditional on them complying with conditions attached to the planning consent dated 22 March 2017, 14 months ago, with a completion date of 31 October 2018

When he gave his response was the Resources Portfolio Holder aware that KWH had not complied with the planning conditions?

Does the Resources Portfolio Holder agree that KWH have not complied with the deadline he set on the 12 April 2108 and consequently that the site should be remarketed?"

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