



17th December 2018

Statement on Jubilee Field

Dear Parishioner,

I would like to bring you up to date on the latest decision taken by the Parish Council on the future of Jubilee Field.

At the closed session of the Parish Council meeting on 5th December 2018, the Parish Council agreed, unanimously, to engage the Land Agent, Savills, to act as sole agent in marketing and, potentially, selling land in Jubilee Field, Upper Boddington. I would like to set out briefly why the Parish Council has taken this decision, what it means and very importantly, what it does not.

The results of the Boddington Parish Plan survey published in January this year indicated a small, but nevertheless clear, majority in favour of the future use of Jubilee Field as a site for housing development, with an emphasis on affordable housing. Recognising this, the Parish Council has been investigating the options involved in any disposal of the land in Jubilee Field. To be very clear, this investigation is intended to allow the Parish Council to make an informed choice on the future direction of Jubilee Field. The investigation has revealed the complexity and multiplicity of options for disposal and indicated to us the need to seek professional guidance in navigating through the process. Accordingly, we have engaged Savills to act as our agent. They will market the site and invite offers. It is through the analysis of received offers that we will be able to accurately assess the value of the site. Please note, we have already received several offers which have been passed to Savills.

Although the Jubilee field is now officially up for sale, it is not certain to be sold. The Parish Council will take advice from Savills with regard to offers, which may be attractive to the Parish Council and worthy of consideration.

There has been great uncertainty and unrest within the Parish over the future of the Jubilee Field for too long. We are trying to reach an end point and make a decision on the future of Jubilee Field.

The whole Parish Council recognises the sensitivity of this issue and the strong feelings it engenders. We are seeking a resolution that is fair and in the long-term best interest of the Parish. I'm sure you expect nothing less.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dennis Burton', written in a cursive style.

Dr Dennis Burton

Chairman Boddington Parish Council