

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council on **Monday 2nd November at 7.30 pm at St. Mary's C of E School, Longdon.**

Present: Chairman: Cllr. S. Cooke, Cllrs. Mrs. J. Beswick, Mrs. N. Inchbald, Cllrs. Messrs G. Inchbald, R. Thatcher, C. Taylor-Hall.

Attending: District Cllr. Mrs. B. Behan. County Cllr. T. Wells

A number of members of the public attended to express concerns regarding the proposed change of the meeting venue and the plan to establish a Parish Council and community office at the School. The Chairman and Council gave full explanations and reasons for the change.

5015 Apologies for Absence & Declarations of Interest: Apologies were received from Cllrs J. Unwin and B. Mansbridge. Cllr. Mrs. J. Beswick declared a crucial interest in the agenda item 6 c in respect of the proposed change of venue from the Village Hall to the School, and declared her intention not to speak or vote in support or opposition, but to remain in the meeting..

5115 Adoption of Minutes: Council agreed the amended minutes (as previously circulated) of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 7th September 2015 and the Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting held on Wednesday 23rd September 2015 also circulated. Both sets of minutes were duly signed.

5215 Council Report: A brief report to bring Council up to date was provided by the Chairman and a proposed vote of appreciation to the Village Hall Committee was then unanimously carried. No names had been received in respect of the vacant RFO position.

A complaint item in respect of The Hunters Inn and noise nuisance was received, and discussed. The Clerk was asked to take up this matter with Regulatory Services forthwith.

A short review of Council procedure resulted in unanimous agreement to follow correct procedure more closely.

5315 Reports from County and District Councillors:

- (a) Councillor Mrs Behan gave a brief report, and updated Council on District matters
- (b) County Councillor Mr T Wells gave a brief report, and updated Council on County Council matters.

5415 Planning Matters:

- (a) There were no MHDC planning consultations or outstanding matters.

5515 Administration:

- (a) The Clerk informed Members of all important matters and correspondence, which was available for Member's inspection at the end of the meeting,
- (b) The Lengthsman Scheme and local environment update included the VAS charging unit replacement and future location programme as well as salt provision. The Clerk was authorised to purchase 10 bags of rock salt for the grit bin at Orchard Ridge.

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- (c) The details and terms of the contract with the PCC for the use of the School as a Parish Council Office, Community Office and regular meeting place for the Parish Council, was provided to Members by the Finance Group for consideration. As a result Council unanimously agreed to accept a two year agreement on those terms. Cllr. R. Thatcher, C.Taylor-Hall, the Chairman and Vice Chairman were delegated to finalise the process with the PPC and complete the jointly funded legal requirements.
- (d) An update in respect of the Parish Survey Flyer was dealt with by Cllr.Mrs.Inchbald, with a further update to be received at the next meeting.

5615 Accounts and Financial Matters:

- (a) Payment of accounts presented was agreed as follows:
 - H. Ebrey, Lengthsman and maintenance.....£281.20
 - HMRC, PAYE deductions.....£245.00
 - L.Perryman, Web Site.....£200.00
 - L Perryman, computer software.....£225.00
- (b) It was generally agreed that the Finance Group would provide their recommendations to Council in respect of the budget for 2016/2017 and a recommended precept for Members consideration and decision at the next meeting.

5715 Date of Next Meeting:

Provisionally December 2nd 2015, to deal with Budget and Precept.

Signed.....Chairman Date.....