



**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on
12th December 2018 at 7.30pm at the
Methodist Church, School Room, Moss House Lane**

Present; Cllrs a Taylor (Chairman) M Gelder, R Gelder, N Woodcock, D Fenton, K.Hayes, T.Brown.
E.Houghton

1. Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence

2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

Cllrs Taylor, Houghton and Brown declared an interest in Item 6 regarding the Village Hall for which dispensations are in place. Cllr Brown declared an interest in item 12

3. Minutes of the last meeting

It was resolved to sign the Minutes of the meeting of 14th November 2018 as an accurate record.

4. Presentation to Council

Cllr Taylor presented the business plan for the proposed village hall which had been previously circulated. He then presented drawings and plans and gave a short verbal summary of the planned building, costings and project plan. Councillors asked numerous questions about the information provided which were answered by Cllr Taylor.

5. Adjournment for Public Participation

A number of members of the public were present and were invited to raise any issues. The Chairman of the Village Hall trustees addressed the Council, thanking them for their support. He reiterated that the existing facility was in poor condition and there was considerable local expectation that a new hall was imminent and that the trustees were in a position to move forward if the money was forthcoming. It was stated that the Pinfold land had been sold specifically for this purpose and there was no other obvious use for such a sum of money

The President of the trustees was also present and he expressed similar sentiments. He stressed that the plans had been drawn up taking local views, ideas and wishes into consideration.

A representative of the Women's Institute stated that the Village Hall was vital to their organisation's activities and they have given the hall as much support as possible and welcomed the support from the Council.

6. Village Hall

The Council was asked to vote on two motions relating to provision of finance for the Village hall . Cllr R Gelder proposed a motion to conduct this item of business without members of the public present on the basis that finances may be discussed in greater detail and that it would stifle discussion if members of the public, most of whom were involved in the Village Hall affairs were present.

The motion was proposed by Cllr Gelder and seconded by Cllr Hayes. Despite Cllrs Brown, Taylor and Houghton having dispensations they chose to take no part in the vote on this motion, leaving it to those who would be involved in the subsequent discussion and votes.

The motion was carried and it **was resolved** that the two motions included at item 6 on the agenda should be discussed without members of the public present.

When considering the vote for funding the Village Hall, the three aforementioned councillors absented themselves and took no part in item 6. In the absence of those Cllrs with a declared interest, Cllr Woodcock took the Chair.

Item 6(a) It was proposed by Cllr Hayes that an amendment be made to the original motion on the Agenda as follows:

'To resolve to pledge £311,085 to the building of the village hall subject to receipt of a tender or tenders that confirm it can be built within the total funds available.'

The amendment was carried and the amended motion was put to the vote. It was **resolved** unanimously to agree the motion.

Item 6(b) It was proposed by Cllr Woodcock and seconded by Cllr M Gelder to amend the motion on the agenda as follows:

'To resolve to reimburse the Village Hall Account on one occasion only with £800 (previously withdrawn to cover audit fees) on the basis that interest on the money held has already proved sufficient to cover increased audit fees'

The amendment was carried and the amended motion was put to the vote. It was **resolved** to agree the motion.

It was agreed that the £800 at item 6(b) should be added to the sum of £311,085 for inclusion in the motion resolved at 6(a) making the sum agreed for the Village Hall at 6(a) £311,885

The meeting continued with all Councillors now resuming their participation and the result of the vote at 6a and 6b was communicated to Councillors and those members of the public still present

7. Finance

It was resolved to authorise the following payments;

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| a) Clerk's salary £205.90 (net) | Cheque 591 |
| b) HMRC PAYE £51.06 | Cheque 592 |
| c) Clerk's expenses £136.09 | Cheque 593 |
| d) R Dalton £75 | Cheque 594 |
| e) S Raby (Xmas trees) £200 | Cheque 595 |
| f) A Taylor for Xmas lights £46.95 | Cheque 596 |

A further cheque 597 has been issued (see agenda item 8 for details)

- g) A discussion took place to agree a budget and precept for 2019 / 2020

After reviewing actual and anticipated spend against the current budget, the following budget was agreed for 2019 - 2020

Clerk salary	3500
Clerk expenses	1000
Audit	1100
Subs	500
Insurance	530
Website	500
Meetings	300
Training / conference	1000
Newsletter	800
Gardening / planting	700
Trafalgar gardens	300
St Georges day	100
Christmas trees / Decorations	500
Cycle track maintenance	600
Community Funds	NIL
Grants	1500
Contingency	12000
CIL money to be spent	8000
Total	32,930

Anticipated carry forward	2019/2010 Budget	Difference	Precept
24,326	32,930	-8,604	£8,604

It **was resolved** that the budget would be set at £32,930
It **was resolved** that the precept would be set at £8,604

The Clerk will notify SRBC of the precept requirement

8. Cycle track update

It was noted that the hedges and bushes had not yet been cut back. Councillor R Gelder agreed to meet John Banister on site to provide clear instructions as to what work was required. A previous resolution had authorised the work to be carried out under delegated authority of the Clerk.

A previous resolution authorised replacement of the vandalised sign on the cycle track. It was noted that the new sign is now complete and awaiting collection. The previously authorised payment will be made with cheque number 597 made out to SignzDesign in the sum of £48.00

9. Website

A written quotation was noted and it **was resolved** to go ahead and adopt the new website host.

10. Community led project update

It was noted that quotes have been obtained for planters and Cllr Hayes is seeking the necessary permissions to place them at locations in the Village

It was agreed that a large stone welcome sign which can be placed at the Village entrance together with planters should be sourced.

Some discussion had been given to including a Lengthsman payment in the budget, but it was decided that some of the community funding could be used for this purpose to see if it proved effective after which budgetary provision in future years could be considered.

11. Local Meetings

Cllr Houghton presented the minutes of the LALC AGM held on 18th November 2018

12. Planning issues

A letter had been received from a member of the public complaining that SRBC planning department had failed to follow up enforcement and asking for the parish Council's support to have the matter dealt with. It **was resolved** that the Clerk would investigate the situation and if as described write to SRBC asking them to expedite the enforcement action.

13. Items for Next Agenda

Community spending projects
CIL money spending plans
Provision of bins
Clerk's pay scales

15. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on 9th January 2019 at 7.30pm