
PRESENT

Mr B Fitzpatrick (Chairman), Mrs M Brinsley, Mr P Dartnell, and Mrs B Weeden

ADDITIONAL CIRCULATION

All other Members, Mr. Bland, Mrs. B Palmer, Mr. N Gray,
Mr. S Holden.

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| 1. | <u>Adjournment for public speaking.</u> |
| 1.1 | No members of the public were present. |
| 2. | <u>Apologies for absence</u> |
| 2.1 | Mr P Whittle and Mr S Spanswick |
| 3. | <u>Declaration of Interests</u> |
| 3.1 | None |
| 4. | <u>Approval of minutes of previous meeting.</u>
Minutes from last meeting were reviewed. BF explained that the Kino have approached the council about refurbishments of the toilets, this will be discussed later. It had been decided to wait until PD had returned from holiday to discuss the progress of plans for the alterations to the changing rooms and new community centre location. PD said that he and AH had been asked by the full council to look at list of possible sites for the community centre, as an outcome from the NDP. BF proposed that the minutes should then be signed off. A vote was taken three in favour with one abstention (PD as he did not attend the last meeting) |
| 5. | <u>Matters arising.</u> |
| 5.1 | Copt Hall – outside decorated. Inside two quotes have been received. Members unanimously agreed to go with the cheapest; it is from a contractor that has done good quality work for the council previously. He has indicated that he could start in May. All agreed this should be done. |
| 5.2 | Sports Pavilion: decorating completed. BF explained that one of hirers of the hall, (although the building committee want to support them) have been struggling with their rent. BF and the Clerk have met with them. They have a plan to address the position, recently holding a successful fun day to raise funds. They are planning these regularly. They are meeting the Deputy Clerk tomorrow to discuss the finances. Deputy Clerk to report back to the committee. A Pop – up Café is to be held at the Sports Hall on the same days as the post office. They bring all the equipment, chairs, cakes, tea and coffee etc. It is a KCC funded service which aims to help people get together and offer advice if anyone needs on a wide range of subjects and issues. |
| 5.3 | Victoria Hall: BF and the Clerk are to have a meeting with the Director from the Kino to discuss the alterations they are considering. Members were shocked by the large business rates increase he has received from TWBC and are keen to establish if he has managed to negotiate a way forward. They feel that the cinema is a great facility for Hawkhurst, and the surrounding area. They would not want it to see it close as a result of this rise. |
| 5.4 | Benches and Shelters: Land Committee are organising a replacement for the ones stolen at Heartenook. |

5.5 Street lighting: BF explained he and the Clerk had a meeting with our contractor to look at LED lights and to clarify the costs, as there was some confusion over the costs quoted by one of their members of staff at a previous meeting. The notes from this meeting had been circulated to members so they could consider the options. MB proposed and seconded by BW that we go for option 5 being that we Convert 108 to GT in 17/18 at £21,060, paying from reserves (similar costs to what had been originally envisaged £21,190) and then convert remaining 55 in 18/19 by budgeting the cost at £10,725. Prioritise A229 and A268 in first tranche, identifying whole roads for the remainder. This depletes reserves only as planned but completes conversion of the whole stock in a planned way. New certificates can be issued to achieve the electricity saving when each tranche is complete (takes about 3-4 weeks, 2 engineers would be put on the job). An electricity saving of £1,914 would be achieved in the first year and a further £946 in the second year reducing electricity spend from £4068 to £2154 after the first tranche and finally to £1208 after full conversion. This was unanimously agreed. All agreed that the Clerk should be asked to put this recommendation on the agenda for the next full council meeting on 8/5/17.

6. Correspondence

6.1 None

7. Matters for further discussion

7.1 BF asked PD where they are with the progress for the alterations to the Sports Hall and the location for the new community centre. After a general discussion the following concerns were raised, BW had concerns that if we extend the existing hall the site could be comprised, if later it was decided the most suitable for a new community centre. MB felt that if new ground works for the alterations were required then it would be good to know before work starts where the community centre would be sited as do not want to end up paying for these twice. PD explained that the working party are in the process of going through the list of sites that had come out of the NDP for a new community centre as tasked by the full council. Next they are going to take planning advice from TWBC to establish which if any are suitable. PD explained he is keen to improve the sports hall particularly the changing rooms for visiting teams. BF asked PD to report back to the committee.

8. Councillors questions and comments

8.1 None

9. Confidential:

9.1 None

10. Closure

10.1 Meeting closed at 8.35 pm.

11.. Date and time of next meeting

11.1 The next meeting will be on Monday the 26th June at 19:45 in the Parish Office.

Signed.....Date.....
Mr B Fitzpatrick, (Chairman) Buildings Committee