

Minutes of Hollesley Parish Council Meeting

Held on 28th November 2022 ~ 6.00pm

At Hollesley Village Hall (Committee Room), Woodbridge Road, Hollesley

Present

Cllr. Trevor Burbridge (Chair), Cllr. Jane Baker, Cllr. Roger Dawson, Cllr. Tina Fletcher, Cllr. Andrew Rust, and Cllr. Anna Yates (after 6.03pm)

Judi Hallett (Clerk) Five Members of the Public

In the absence of Cllrs. Hughes and Devine the Clerk asked if anyone was prepared to Chair the meeting. Cllr. Burbridge volunteered to take the Chair. This was proposed by Cllr. Fletcher, seconded by Cllr. Baker and all were in agreement. Cllr. Burbridge took the Chair.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting

Record of Public Session:

a) Reports or comment from any member of the public or any other village organisation (notes only):

- Barrier at foot of Tank Hill Pavement – Could something please be done about the barrier at the bottom of the pavement towards the Prison. The barrier is too narrow for a wheel chair or buggy and they have to go on the grass or up the bank. Using the road is very dangerous. [Clerk to liaise with resident and contact Prison and/or Highways]
- Hall changing to CIO – I am concerned with the definition of the word ‘User’, I consider myself a user but I am not a member of any groups at the present moment due to personal circumstances, I have seen the leaflet in the foyer today but I would not have unless I had come to the hall, the VV article seems to infer that only current User Groups will be consulted, I am concerned there has not been a public meeting, the hall means a lot to the villagers and they have not had chance to speak to the Hall Committee in a public meeting. I would like to thank the PC for highlighting this issue but the information provided by the Hall Committee is not on their website and has not been placed on their Facebook page, it is just in the Foyer of a (usually) locked hall [Chair – we sought advice from solicitors about the correct procedure we should follow and we will be discussing continuing with this advise tonight]
- Hall changing to CIO – I understand why the PC sought legal advice and believe it was as a direct result of repeated failures of certain members of the Hall Committee to respond to correspondence. The change to a CIO is a good idea, perhaps the Council can persuade a few representatives of the Hall Committee to come to a meeting to discuss it openly, with out the need for solicitors anymore.

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b) Reports or comment from ESC and SCC Councillors:

- Cllr. Reid – Cllr. Reid’s report had been circulated earlier in the month
- Cllr. Mallinder – Cllr. Mallinder’s report had been circulated earlier in the month

Agenda Item	Resolution / Agreement / Fact	Action
1. <u>Apologies for Absence</u> a) To receive apologies b) To approve apologies	a) Apologies had been received from Cllr. Hazel Hughes (Work), Cllr. Brian Devine (Work), Cllr. Carolyn Bevan-Biggs (Away) and Cllr. James Mallinder (Work). b) Acceptance of the apologies of Cllrs. Mallinder, Hughes, Devine, and Bevan-Biggs were proposed by Cllr. Dawson, seconded by Cllr. Rust and all Councillors were in agreement they be accepted.	a) Noted b) Accepted
2. <u>To receive any...</u> a) Declarations of Pecuniary Interest b) Declarations of Non-Pecuniary Interest c) Applications for Dispensation on Agenda Items d) Declarations of Gifts or Hospitality received over the value of £25.00 e) Notifications of Lobbying with reference to any Planning Application to be discussed	a) None b) None c) None d) None e) None	a) None b) Noted c) None d) None e) None
3. Public Session	<i>See above record</i>	• Clerk to contact Prison
4. To agree <u>Minutes</u> of meeting dated 17 th November 2022	The minutes had been circulated to all and minor corrections had been noted. The minutes were proposed as correct by Cllr. Yates, seconded by Cllr. Baker and all present for all of the meeting agreed they were correct.	• Clerk to post on the Website

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<p>5. <u>Finance Matters:</u></p> <p>a) To discuss cost of solicitors fees for advice regarding the Transfer of the Legal Title of the Village Hall to the new Hollesley Village Hall CIO and to decide to continue with the advice or not</p>	<p>a) Councillors made the following comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [The Clerk recalled the expenditure to date and the details in the last letter from the Solicitor with regard to estimated further costs] • [Cllr. Burbridge recalled the details of the meeting between the Solicitors, himself, and Cllr. Bevan-Biggs (with the Clerk taking notes), the previous Monday] • We have come so far, I think we should take up the offer from the Solicitor for a last letter and then sit down with the Hall Committee and work this out • Some of the Solicitors charges have been more than we anticipated or expected • There has to be a meeting between the two committees, for the sake of both and to ensure no more money goes to solicitors • Have the Hall Committee been approached about the meeting? [Not yet, we will need to decide that today] • We need to start to work together again, I'm certain that is what the Hall Committee would want too. <p>In conclusion, Cllr. Yates proposed that the work with Birketts be concluded with (as had been suggested by them) a call from them to Stone King, followed by a letter, with the Parish Council then writing to the Hall Committee to suggest both parties meet to discuss the matter. This was seconded by Cllr. Rust and all were in agreement.</p>	<p>a) Clerk to contact Solicitors and then Hall Committee</p>
<p>6. To receive <u>agenda items for next meeting and agree date of Next Meeting 22nd December 2022</u>)</p>	<p>It was suggested the following items were added to the December agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Items carried forward • Budget 2023/24 • Precept Request 2023/24 <p>Date of next meeting will be 22nd December 2022 – 7.30pm</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk to prepare December agenda

The meeting was closed at 6.20pm

Signed:
Chair

Date:

Judi Hallett
Clerk to Hollesley Parish Council