

Tibshelf Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting of the Village Hall Management Sub-Committee
held on 27th January 2021, remotely via Zoom at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Cllrs A Beckett, R Heffer, R Vaughan, C Whitehead, Cllr P. Billington
In attendance: D. Melsome

VH0121/41 Apologies for Absence.

An apology for absence was received from Cllr S. Wood.

VH0121/42 Declaration of Members Interests.

There were no declarations of Interest.

VH0121/43 Public Speaking.

1 member of the public present at the meeting as an observer.

VH0121/44 Acceptance of Minutes of Meeting held on 18th August 2020.

The minutes of the above meeting were proposed by Councillor C. Whitehead, seconded by Councillor A. Beckett and it was **Resolved to recommend their approval to Council**. They would be arranged for signature by the Chair later, as the meeting was remote.

VH0121/45 Village Hall Matters: The following items were discussed:

(a) Renovations to outdoor area at rear of the Hall :

The Officers had obtained quotations for the work; which originally formed part of the Reconfiguration Plan. Cllr P. Billington offered assistance with his professional knowledge; that the quotations should all be based upon a consistent specification.

He stated the brickwork preferably should be pre-constructed stone, as engineering bricks tended not to react well to adverse weather. It was suggested that the use of pavings, (some new, some salvageable from the existing ground) would be preferable option to tarmac.

Cllr Billington kindly offered a site visit to provide specification and ensure uniformity with the quotation materials and process, and re-approach the contractors providing the quotes.

(N.B. although this was his area of expertise he would not be bidding for the work himself).

Cllr Beckett reminded everyone that the Playgroup often used the outdoor area and there was a need to ensure the surfacing was configured with safety considerations.

Proposed by Cllr A. Beckett, seconded by Cllr R. Heffer that the above process be actioned. ALL in favour.

(b) Playgroup application to the Council for rental waiver :

The Clerk updated that the Tibshelf Playgroup were seeking a waiver to the rent due to funding issues from central Government. The period was January to mid – February and they had been directed to the Council grant application process, as well as County Councillor Clive Moseby who had indicated community funding was still available from his allowance.

Discussion followed about the process and whether the Parish Council should be a key funder ahead of the County Councillor.

RESOLVED that the Playgroup approach County Council grant funding as first priority, but the outcome of that bid not exclude any approach to the Parish Council.

Proposed by Cllr A. Beckett, seconded by Cllr R. Heffer. ALL in favour.

(c) Update regarding regular users of the Hall :

The Clerk provided the following updates :

Main Useage of the Hall : Playgroup Monday / Tuesday / Thursday mornings.

(Friday was ceased at least temporarily due to number of attendees).

Dance Groups : Currently prevented due to Government restrictions.

Cllr Heffer queried the necessity of cleaning across all days if the Hall was not in use on Fridays. The Clerk stated that the Cleaners would be tasked with undertaking additional cleaning of cupboards, crockery etc.

Cllr Beckett reminded the meeting that there were contractual hours for each employee that needed to be observed.

(d) Former Bar Licensee at the Parish Hall

The Clerk updated that the former bar operator (and local publican) had failed to respond to repeated requests to remove stock and equipment from the Bar in the Hall; and to return the keys to the Hall. The latest had been made 2 weeks ago and there had been no response / reply as of today's date

It was suggested that there had been sufficient time permitted since the requirement had been laid down; and that the equipment should be returned to the rear of his licensed premises. The Clerk pointed out this would not solve the problem of re-gaining the keys.

Cllr R. Vaughan suggested it would not be permissible to effectively "dump" stuff at another venue. He was aware of the Licensee; and would seek to engage with him to resolve the issue for one final time.

VH0121/46 Financial Report :

The Village Hall accounts at 31st December 2020 were as follows:

Balance – Current Account : £28,542.38
Reserve Account : £ 7,758.23

The Clerk informed the Meeting that there were further income sums pending from Bolsover District Council; in respect of Covid 19 support payments.

NOTED.

VH0121/47 Date of next meeting : To be advised

The meeting closed at 7.40 pm.

Signed Date