

Minutes of the Extra Meeting of Welney Parish Council
held in The Parish Hall, Welney
on Tuesday 19th January, 2016 at 7 p.m.

Present: Cllr.K.Goodger (Chairman), Cllrs. L.Bombata, H.Cowles, P.Edmunds, J.Elliott, R.Gilbert, G.Rainbird, 7 members of the Public and the Clerk.

1. Apologies for Absence – Received from Cllr.K. Cowles, Dist.Cllrs.V.Spikings and D.Pope and C.Cllr. H.Humphrey.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Declaration of interests – None

3. Public Participation

- The Chairman advised two members of the public that e-mails received from them regarding the heating for the new building had been circulated to councillors.
- Air Source Heat Pump heating system and Air Conditioning system have both been confirmed as Green systems.
- Regarding the Lease of the Old Hall – Request for a decision to be made this evening to hold a public meeting and see what the village wish to do. It was confirmed that the Environment Agency will only consider a year to year lease or possibly a licence after the current lease expires. The meeting was also advised that when the application went to WREN and Sport England for funding they were advised that the Village would only have one building.
- Cllr.Gilbert confirmed that in March last year the Parish Council had asked for a ten year lease on the Hall site. He also advised that it was the intention of an independent group to get the Lease extended for, say ten years, so that the Hall could be used as a Youth Training Enterprise and Social Centre. A Councillor felt that it would be safer for children to attend the new building rather than the Parish Hall because of the road and river safety issues.
- Question was asked as to whether the New Building Committee had been disbanded. The Chairman confirmed that this was not the case, but several items had arisen which needed an immediate decision and there was not time to call a committee meeting and then pass matters to the Council for final approval.

4. Extension of Lease for Parish Hall.

Discussion regarding possible extension of lease. Current lease expires on 25th March and the Environment Agency have confirmed they will consider a year to year extension. It was confirmed that the Council would need at least a one year extension to carry over the period whilst the new building was completed. Cllr.Bombata provided councillors with details of the proposals for the Youth Training Enterprise and Social Centre, which if it were to go ahead could possibly use the building for five nights a week. After discussion it was proposed by Cllr.Bombata, seconded by Cllr. Rainbird with 6 in favour, and one abstention, that a survey would be carried out in the village giving details of the proposal and asking for comments. The renewal of the lease would be kept on hold possibly until the March meeting.

5. Heating System for New Hall/Pavilion

The Chairman confirmed that he had spoken to MRC who advised that they cannot give a price for Wall Fan Heaters as it is illegal to install these in the modular buildings.

General discussion regarding the pros and cons of the heating system and solar panels and it was agreed to ask MRC to obtain prices for the solar panels on the roof and that a final decision would be made at the February meeting once confirmed prices were available.

It was then proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr.Edmunds that the heating system would be Air Conditioning System with two units in the main hall and tubular heaters elsewhere This proposition was passed with 6 in favour and one abstention.

It was further proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr.Edmunds with 7 councillors in favour, that a firm price should be obtained for the solar panels and that a commitment for these must be made by the middle of March so that the VAT part of the costing could be reclaimed in the current year.

The meeting was advised that the Container which the Cricket club used for their equipment had been moved to the other side of the field, the sheathing for the overhead electricity wires was also being arranged, Cllr.Edmunds would attend to the grass which was damaged when moving the container and that the tree which had to be removed for the new building would be taken down at the weekend. A price of £200 to remove the tree had been agreed, but the person doing the work had said that he would be prepared to accept the logs in lieu of this payment.

There being no further business the chairman thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 8.02 p.m

SignedK.Goodger.....(Chairman)

Dated2nd February, 2016.....