

## **Bekesbourne-with-Patrixbourne Parish Council Extra Ordinary Meeting**

### **TO: ALL MEMBERS OF BEKESBOURNE WITH PATRIXBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL**

Councillors are hereby summoned to attend a remote meeting of the Parish Council on  
**MONDAY 27<sup>th</sup> JULY 2020 at 19:30**

Using the online platform Zoom, for the transaction of the business described in the following Agenda.

**N PURCELL, CLERK TO THE COUNCIL**

**Present:** Parish Cllr Andrea Nicholson (Chairman)  
Parish Cllr Christine Ash  
Parish Cllr Graham Duplock  
Parish Cllr Christine Sladden  
Parish Cllr Jill Thomas  
Parish Cllr Joanne Watt  
Parish Cllr Emily Young

Mrs Nicola Purcell, Clerk to the council.

There were 3 members of the public present: David Sladden; Tara Fisher; Fio Scharf

#### **44. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES**

Apologies received from Cllr Watt. Cllr Mary Evans sent her apologies after the meeting, as she had been experiencing technical difficulties.

#### **45. TO AGREE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2020**

A few amendments required to the previous minutes. Point 36: should read as 'attempted' dog poisoning. Point 37: grammatical error, should say 'and'. Point 38: Mr Quinn has put in a request for land designation in review of the local plan. Point 39: should add that a footpath is not possible between the train station and the Zoo. Point 40: Need to clarify whether people are able to help themselves to the excess salt in the bag at the village hall.

#### **46. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Cllr Nicholson spoke about a letter she had received following the complaints placed regarding the poor service for bin collection. The letter discussed a revised collection day. However, this was incorrect, as the bins still did not get collected on the revised date. Cllr Nicholson to contact Cllr Louise Jones regarding the matter.

#### **47. MEETING ADHOURNED FOR PARISHIONERS COMMENTS**

No comments

#### **48. TO DISCUSS THE VILLAGE HALL REFURBISHMENT PROPOSAL AND COME TO AN AGREEMENT MOVING FORWARD.**

Cllr Duplock spoke on behalf of the VHMC. As discussed at the previous meeting, the main plans presented focussed on making the kitchen more of a central hub for the hall. Fully equip the kitchen and have it in place of the current toilet block. The dimensions would remain the same. The plans allow for adequate storage for the Brownies and the Bowl s groups who regularly use the hall. Cllr Thomas voiced that although we have a window of opportunity to get the work done before Christmas, it wouldn't be sensible to rush this decision, and therefore, suggests that a decision is not made tonight. Cllr Nicholson asked that consideration is made to the size of the disabled toilet, to ensure there is room to move a wheelchair once inside. Cllr Ash suggested that perhaps only one door access to toilets is needed? The clerk shared the plans on the screen with all attendees for discussion. Cllr Ash proposes that we spend the money and vote on the drawings that have been presented, whilst being mindful that architects' official drawings are being drawn up. Ms.Scharf spoke as a member of the public. Ms.Scharf asked if any sustainable elements are being considered? Ms.Scharf suggested that it would be good to go down a sustainable avenue and

consider using alternative energy sources. Petham Village Hall is a great example of this. It was suggested that the committee look into grants that are available for sustainability of public buildings. Another matter to consider was the installation of unisex toilets. These are becoming more of a common occurrence in public places, and would perhaps mean that not as many toilets are needed, making more space for the disabled toilet.

Cllr Duplock requested that perhaps Ms Scharf and Mr Sladden would get onboard with the hall refurb.

Moving forward: Cllr Ash proposed that Jayne's plan is chosen as the design in principle. The designs should then go out to tender to get more precise costings, and whilst this happens the planning can be applied for and grants applied for, if applicable. All in agreement.

#### **49. FINANCE MATTERS**

£1500 payment to RGMC- approved by all

£2000 payment to VHMC- approved by all

#### **50. AOB- FOR DISCUSSION ONLY**

Cllr Duplock and Tara Fisher spoke of looking into the reopening of the hall. Risk assessments would need to be drawn up first and look at who is using the hall. Perhaps extra cleaning hours needed?

#### **51. TO SET A DATE FOR FUTURE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

Next meeting to be held on Monday September: 14<sup>th</sup> 2020 at 19:30. At the moment via Zoom but if this changes then we will circulate this.

Meeting adjourned at 20.39