

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Thursday 8 December 2011 at 7.30pm

Apologies

Cllr Stewart, Mr Bevans and Mr Bust for part of the meeting

Present

Chairman Mr Bust for part of the meeting, Mr Paris, Mrs Herbert, Mr Herbert, Mrs Simmonds, Mrs Godfrey, clerk Mr P Rickett

Minutes of the previous meeting were signed as a true record

Affordable Housing

Mr King gave a presentation on behalf of N&SDC, concerning affordable housing in Halam “local Housing for Local People”. It was agreed that it would be published in the Village News that a survey would be sent round the Village in the New Year, backed by the PC, to find out what housing was needed by local people. A letter from the Chairman of the PC would circulate around the Village – agreed unanimously

At this point Mr Bust left and Mr Paris took the Chair

Matters arising from previous minutes

Trees on School Lane – some work has been done by NCC Highways – will continue to monitor

Grit Bin – to contact Cllr Stewart

Village Hall

Mr Bevans put forward the idea of using Paypal for Village Hall hire, Mr Bevans to be asked to look into this further - to find out any costs, to see if payments can only be made into it and not paid out of and also to look into the security of the system

Electricity costs – Mrs Thompson reported that the hire charges at the moment cover the electric costs – these are to be monitored

Discussions took place over the current heating system – heating in the storeroom, getting the storage heaters working efficiently, mending the overhead heater, making sure the frost stats in the toilet work properly

Agreed that any urgent works could be done, if prices were sorted and the Chairman and Vice-chairman agreed these

Open Meeting

Grit Bin – clerk to check with Cllr Stewart

Correspondence

Items for circulation to PC's

The PC have received information that a scam is being run, whereby a card is left saying a parcel could not be delivered by Parcel Delivery Service, giving a phone number and asking for you to contact PDS on a 0906 number – this will cost £315 as soon as you dial

Agreed to put in the Village News

Planning

None

Finance

Millennium Fire Service

£78.00

Copies of the Budget were circulated as the Precept needs setting at the next meeting

Items on the next agenda

Precept

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 9...05pm