

**MINUTES OF AN EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAVINGTON-CUM-GRESTY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 20 AUGUST 2018 IN SHAVINGTON VILLAGE HALL, SHAVINGTON, CREWE**

PRESENT:	Councillor K Gibbs	In the Chair
	Councillor V Adams	Councillor L Buchanan
	Councillor S Cheshire	Councillor R Hancock
	Councillor W McIntyre	
APOLOGIES:	Councillors M Andrews, W Cooper, M Ferguson, B Gibbs and G McIntyre	

116 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Members were invited to declare any disclosable pecuniary interest or non-pecuniary interest which they had in any item of business on the agenda, the nature of that interest, and in respect of disclosable interests, to leave the meeting prior to the discussion of that item.

No declarations were made.

117 VILLAGE HALL – DRAMA GROUP

Members had previously been notified that Shavington Drama Group had recently posted a statement on-line making reference to a 'dispute' with the Parish Council and had commented that *'as a result of the Council's refusal to install a batten on the wall of the Village Hall to replace the one which was removed, it has now cancelled its forthcoming production.'*

The post on Shavington Drama Group's Facebook page was entirely inaccurate and misleading as the Parish Council had not been asked to make a decision on the matter referenced. A public statement on behalf of the Parish Council had been published on-line and a copy of that statement had been included with the agenda papers for Members.

Representatives of the Group had been invited to this meeting to present their requirements in respect of the Village Hall but had declined the invitation.

Although there were no members of the Drama Group in attendance, the Parish Council discussed various options which might be of interest to the Group and in the spirit of trying to work with its members, it was agreed that a letter be sent to the Secretary offering the opportunity to meet informally with parish councillors to try to reach a solution which would not compromise the refurbishment which had already taken place in the Village Hall. [Any formal proposals arising out of the informal meeting could be presented to a formal meeting of the Parish Council for decision¹.]

RESOLVED: That a letter be sent to the Drama Group inviting its members to meet informally with the Parish Council.

118 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That in accordance with Paragraph 1 (2) of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item owing to the confidential nature of the business to transacted and the public interest would not be served in disclosing that information.

119 VILLAGE HALL

(Reason for exclusion: commercial sensitivity)

119.1 Rising Damp

The Parish Council considered three quotations for the treatment of the rising damp in the village hall.

¹ This was not specifically referenced at the meeting but has been included to clarify that the Parish Council has no power to make decisions at an informal meeting.

RESOLVED: (a) That the quotation submitted by Rentokil Property Care, in the sum of £1,050.16 net and £210.03 VAT (£1,260.19) be accepted; and

(b) That the Clerk make contact with three local contractors (plumber, electrician and joiner) to carry out the three tasks required prior to Rentokil's commencement of the project.

119.2 Kitchen Decoration

As a consequence of the survey undertaken in respect of the rising damp, the kitchen would require re-decoration. A quotation for decoration had been received and was submitted. As this was under £1,000, there was no requirement to seek additional quotations.

RESOLVED: That the quotation submitted by DSW Painting & Decorating, in the sum of £210.00 net plus £42.00 VAT be accepted for painting the kitchen in the Village Hall.

119.3 Decoration of Foyer

A quotation for the decoration of the foyer (not previously identified as part of the Village Hall refurbishment) was submitted. As the quotation was under £1,000 there was no requirement to seek additional quotations.

RESOLVED: That the quotation submitted by DSW Painting & Decorating, in the sum of £750.00 net plus £150.00 VAT be accepted for painting the foyer in the Village Hall.

119.4 Commencement/Finishing Dates for Work

The Council noted that each of the contractors had confirmed that they would be able to commence work week commencing 3 September 2018. In view of the pre-contract work required to remove and refit skirtings and radiators, and isolation of electrical plug sockets, this might be delayed dependent upon the availability of other contractors.

A broad timeline for completion of the additional projects had been noted at the meeting held on 1 August 2018 (Minute No. 103.2) at which time the Parish Council had reiterated its decision that the hall should remain closed until all projects had been completed and no bookings should be accepted until that time.

It was expected that following completion of these additional projects, the hall could be opened on 1 October 2018, the commencement date of the new promotional pricing.

120 NEXT MEETING

Members were reminded that the next ordinary meeting of the Parish Council was to be held on 5 September 2018.

121 CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

The Clerk was thanked for the additional work carried out during her holiday period as a result of issues raised on social media. She was also thanked for her contribution in dealing with a Data Breach in June 2018 at which time she and the Chairman, Councillor B Gibbs, had spent a considerable amount of time notifying each of the individuals whose data had been breached, and completing notification documentation required by the Information Commissioner's Office.

.....Chairman

The meeting commenced at 7.15 pm and concluded at 8.45 pm