

BARLING MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL, held Monday 20th November 2017 in the Barling Magna Parish Hall, Barling Magna, Essex, commencing at 7.05pm.

Present: Councillors Ashdown, Clark, Cohen (Chair), Edmunds and Steptoe (Vice-Chair).

Apologies: Councillors Bond, Gardiner and Pearmain

Attending: County and District Councillor Steptoe
I. King (Parish Clerk)

MINUTES

1. The Chair to declare the meeting open.

- a. The Chair declared the meeting open at 7.05pm.

2. To receive apologies for absence.

- a. Apologies were recorded, as listed above.

3. To receive Declarations of Interest in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct and with section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

- a. No declarations of interest were made.

4. Exclusion of the Press and the Public

Pursuant to section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 it was resolved that, in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it was advisable in the public interest that the press and the public be excluded and they were instructed to withdraw.

5. Contractual matters

- a. The Chair reviewed the work that had recently taken place to secure quotes for concrete access from the pavement to the ramp entrance to the parish hall. Those who had gathered the quotes were thanked for their efforts. The quotes were for separate components of the work, each being below the threshold for tendering.
- b. In the discussion that followed, members explored issues around the specification for the work, VAT and the desire to achieve the best outcome by the time of the Frost Fayre balanced against reasonable cost.
- c. It was proposed by Councillor Clark, seconded by Councillor Edmunds that there should be an interim solution. The clerk would arrange for the delivery of a one tonne bag of pea shingle and hire a tamping machine and both councillors volunteered to arrange a neat and firm pathway before 9th December. Agreement on a longer-term solution to the entrance could then take place without the pressure of a deadline and with a view to considering parking on the site as a whole. For 5; against 0; abstentions 0.

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 7:25pm.