

Worlabby Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the extra meeting of Worlabby Parish Council held at 7pm on Tuesday 23rd June, 2020 via a Zoom Platform.

Present: Cllr Bowles, Cllr Cave, Cllr Hogg, Cllr D Empson, Cllr N Empson, Cllr Newton (Chair) & Cllr Whitfield.

Also Present: 1 residents & Deb Hotson – Clerk to the Council.

2006/23 To elect a Chair

Resolved - Cllr Newton was elected as Chair. All in favour.

Clerk to forward the Declarations of Office to be signed.

Cllr Hogg was elected as Vice Chair; this will be resolved at the next meeting.

2006/24 To note apologies for absence

All members present.

2006/25 To receive an update report regard Worlabby Village Hall determining actions required

Cllr Hogg summarised the information that had been circulated to Cllrs on the subject of options for the Parish Council as per a conversation with the Treasurer of the VHC.

The Executive Committee in principle are not against others taking over the roles of the Committee.

Cllr Cave stated that he hadn't seen the summary that was circulated and had spoken with the Trustee and that in his opinion the Charity Commission should be the ones to decide on the future of the Charity.

Cllr Whitfield stated that the Parish Council do have an interest as it is their building. Cllr Cave stated that it should be what the village want.

Cllr Hogg stated that there didn't seem to have been any membership other than the Executive Committee.

Cllr Bowles stated the simplest solution was to leave with the Charity Commission as a Charity.

Cllr Cave asked what benefit it was to leave with the Charity and that the VHC and Parish Council had never got on and there was friction and obstacles would be put in place if not run by the Parish Council.

It was stated that the Charity was accountable to the community and the funds of just over £17k were not guaranteed to be passed to the Parish Council if the charity was closed.

Cllr Cave stated that there were benefits to run from the Parish Council of insurance and capital savings. As a Charity VAT cannot be reclaimed.

It was stated that it would broaden the shareholder ownership if left as a Charity. Cllr Bowles stated that the current Trustees had not supported the user groups.

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Resolved – In the view of the Council it was not clear that the objectives of the Village Hall Charity could no longer be met, as it appeared that there were, or were likely to be, volunteers willing to take over its running if the current Executive Committee were no longer willing to do so, and that the Clerk should write on behalf of the Council to ask the current Executive Committee to call an AGM.

If this is agreeable information on the Trustees roles will be circulated along with the AGM poster.

It was agreed to also ask residents what they would like to see happen to the village hall in the form of a questionnaire.

AOB

The current cleaner, due to personal issues will not be returning to clean the village hall. It was agreed to leave the decision to engage another cleaner to carry out a deep clean.

Fire Safety checks – Clerk to try and organise for a Saturday.

The Clerk has been informed by NLC that the current bin size is being discontinued. Clerk to cancel the bin after one further collection.

Composter are still due at some point.

Cllr Newton informed those present that there had been 17 volunteers at the village hall today. Weeding the front flower beds was undertaken which had been causing some issues with the CCTV movement sensors. Weeding of the saplings on the edge of the playing field had also been undertaken.

An excellent, worthwhile day. A letter to be sent from the Parish Council to those that attended for the hard work and commitment.

Cllr Bowles offered to provide the asset list for the garage due to Cllr N Empson being busy with work. The Wilson Room and Fountain Room were also still to be done.

Cllr Newton stated that Cllr Cave had raised concerns with regard to her lack of experience but she assured those present that she would run everything through the full council and stated the Parish Council need to run as a team.

2006/26 To confirm the date and time of the next meeting as Tuesday 14th July, 2020 at 7pm via a Zoom platform.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.