

LANGWATHBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting held on 30th April 2008

Present: Mr D.H.Banks, Mr I.S.Harrington, Mr J.M.Holliday (District Councillor), Mr P.M.Jackson, Mr G.C.Little, Mrs C.Merrie (in the Chair), Mr W.F.Mounsey and Ms S.Ripper together with the Chairman and five members of the Village Hall Committee and Mr T.Green.
Apologies were received from Mr W.H.Benn and Mr T.W.Metcalf.

Mr D.H.Banks and Mr I.S.Harrington declared an interest as members of the Village Hall Committee appointed by the Parish Council.

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Mr T.Green explained the Village Hall Committee's revised proposals for the refurbishment scheme to be undertaken by the Parish Council with financial support from the Committee. He said it had been necessary to trim the scope of the scheme to fit the anticipated resources from fund-raising, grants and a loan of £80,000. These totalled £132,790. In particular it was not possible to include re-roofing in this phase, which was regretted. The works would, however, still include a new kitchen, storage, new central heating system, external insulation of walls and re-wiring, subject to reviewing costs when actual tenders are received. Mr Green said he would check with the grant-making bodies that the reduced scheme would not affect the level of grant offered.

The proposed timetable envisaged going out to tender in late May with a return date of 27th June. The Parish Council would award the contract(s) around 7th July. The aim would be to start on site soon after the Scarecrow Festival, with completion in September. There were felt to be advantages in having one overall contractor.

Members of the Village Hall Committee and Mr Green left the room and the Council discussed the suggestions that had been put forward.

Mr Banks and Mr Harrington left the room.

The Council discussed the proposed scheme and funding arrangements and resolved as follows:

- (i) To approve the proposed refurbishment scheme for Langwathby Village Hall and to request Mr Green to proceed with the invitation of tenders for the work.
- (ii) To convene an extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council following the Annual Parish Meeting on 8th May to pass the necessary resolutions to seek approval to borrow. This would be for the sum of £80,000 repayable over 15 years, on the basis that the Village Hall Committee had agreed to meet half the annual repayment cost.

The Village Hall Committee returned and were advised of the decisions taken.

82 Village Hall Committee

Mr Green commented that a number of members of the Committee had resigned because of other commitments and much of the work was falling on the chair and secretary. It was agreed that some additional parishioners needed to be encouraged to join the Committee. Now that the scheme was approved, it was hoped that this might be a spur to attracting new members and the issue could be raised at the Annual Parish Meeting.

83 Rolls of Honour

Mrs M.Pearson explained the work which her husband was undertaking to restore the Rolls of Honour and members expressed their gratitude for this.

84 Drain repairs

The Council and Village Hall Committee agreed to share the net cost of the work undertaken by Messrs Metcalfe after taking account of a contribution from Eden Ostrich World.

(The meeting closed at 9pm)