

MINUTES OF MEETING OF KEDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
TUESDAY, 15 AUGUST 2006
LIBRARY, ARMS LANE, KEDINGTON

Present:

Mrs Susan Berridge
Mr Peter Byron
Mr John Cahill
Mr Peter Donoghue
Mrs Gloria Double
Mr John Pelling
Mr Peter Rowsell
Mr Terry Wheeler (Chairman)

Ms Marion Farrant (Clerk)

In attendance: Mr F Phillips (Press)

ACTION

Welcome and apologies:

The Chairman welcomed Mr Peter Rowsell to his first meeting as a Parish Councillor.

Mr Alan Barney was not present at the meeting and no apologies were received.

The Chairman apologised to Councillors for having to call the meeting during a month where there are no scheduled meetings.

1. Consider quotations for roof on Youth Shelter

The Chairman explained about problems occurring during the ongoing building of the Youth Shelter. Problems were attributed to:

- Clashes in personalities
- The fact that there was no "one person" to take overall responsibility for the project

A site meeting was held on Wednesday 9th August 2006, attended by Cllr Wheeler, Cllr Double, Cllr Byron, Mr B Cann, Mr S Brown (KCA) and the Parish Clerk, to discuss problems that had been arising and to discuss materials that would be needed for construction of the roof.

Cllr Wheeler reported at the site meeting that he would be unable to give free time to put the roof on the shelter until October, due to other commitments. It was suggested that quotations should be obtained in order to get the work done as soon as possible, and a one-agenda meeting of the Parish Council be convened to consider the quotations. Cllr Wheeler was also invited to put in a quotation. Cllr Byron said he would invite quotations from builders whom he knew through his work at PBM Buildbase.

The Chairman informed the meeting that costs for the project at present were approximately £100 over budget, excluding the cost for labour and materials for the roof and paint for the walls.

Cllr Berridge expressed her feelings of exasperation over the project and urged that the Parish Council should learn a lesson from this to ensure that any other projects in the future do not end up like this one.

Consider quotations:

At this point Mr Wheeler declared a personal interest and left the meeting while the quotations were being considered.

Mr Byron said he had approached five contractors to ask for a quotation. Only one had replied to him verbally, the other four were too busy, or did not want to take on the work.

Verbal quotation from Dave Russo for 2 men x 2 days labour – Cost £400 plus VAT

A written quotation from Mr Wheeler for 2 men x 2 days – Cost £340.00

Comments were taken from each Councillor before a vote was cast. Voting was unanimous to accept the quotation from Mr Wheeler. Proposed: Cllr Double, seconded: Cllr Pelling.

Mr Wheeler rejoined the meeting.

Cllr Berridge stated, that, given an amount was agreed at earlier Parish Council meetings for the building of the shelter, she was “disgusted”, (and asked for this to be recorded), that the Parish Council was now having to debate costs. She registered a strong protest that the costing exercise was not done properly in the first instance.

There was discussion around raising other sources of funding for the Youth Shelter to “cushion” the overspend.

1.2 Consider recompense for other things attributed to Youth Shelter

The Chairman reported that work on the shelter was made possible by using electricity from Ketton Thatch. He said that Mr Morse had told him he did not want any money for supplying this.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would supply recompense to Mr Morse in the form of a gift. Cllr Double said she would donate a bottle of malt whisky that she had at home for this purpose. The Chairman would deliver this to Mr Morse and convey thanks from the Parish Council.

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It was also agreed that the Parish Council would purchase a bottle of spirit as a gift for Mr Cann for all his hard work.

An acknowledgement would also be put in the Village Magazine and Chairman's Letter when the project was finished.

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Meeting closed at 8.10 p.m.

Signed:

Date: