

# WEST MALLING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE  
PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2021, 7.30PM  
VIA ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL

**Present:** Mrs T Dean (Chairman)  
Ms G Barkham  
Mr K Bullard  
Mrs L Javens  
Ms S Margetts  
Ms C Medhurst  
Mrs Y Smyth  
Ms M Stacpoole  
Mr N Stapleton  
Mr P Stevens  
Mr D Thompson

Minute		Action by	Action taken	Response
21/33	<b><u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u></b> - none			
21/34	<b><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u></b> – none other than those routinely declared			
21/35	<b><u>CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS</u></b>			
	<p><b>Village Hall</b> - Mrs Dean had received a report from Julian &amp; Shirley Jacobs as Chairman and Secretary of the West Malling Village Hall Committee. The report provided an update on repairs, Hallmark accreditation, plumbing, liquor licence renewal and the village hall sign which has been renovated and reinstated. It was noted that apart from the pre-school, the hall is closed due to Covid restrictions.</p> <p>Full report to be submitted to the Amenities Committee.</p> <p><b>Lucks Hill – Potential planning application</b> – it was agreed to meet with Perseus Land and Developments Ltd regarding a potential outline planning application.</p> <p><i>Subsequent to the meeting it was agreed to meet with the developers during the January Planning Committee meeting – Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January.</i></p> <p><b>Assets of Community Value</b> – applications for the registration of both Rotary House and St Thomas More Church were made in the Summer of 2020 and more recently for The Scared Crow, it is hoped that the Council will receive a decision on Rotary House within the week.</p>			
21/36	<b><u>ROTARY HOUSE</u></b>			
	Mrs Dean thanked Ms Margetts for compiling a document detailing the opinions of members on possible uses for Rotary House with pros and cons / concerns. Ms Stacpoole was thanked for compiling a list of village hall hire costs based on local parishes – to be circulated.			

	<p><b>Survey &amp; valuation:</b>                  It was noted that the Parish Council is in receipt of quotes from Sibley Pares (valuation services) and Metcalfe Briggs Surveyors.</p> <p>It was agreed not to seek additional quotes on the basis that the companies had been recommended to the Parish Council and that the costs would appear to be fair.</p> <p>Subject to members reading the full breakdown of services contained in the Metcalf quote, it was agreed to accept the quotes as follows:                  Sibley Pares – valuation - £1500 + VAT                  Metcalfe Briggs – survey - £1099.50 + VAT</p> <p><i>Subsequent to the meeting it was confirmed that the surveyor would be able to provide an indication of any obvious asbestos, bearing in mind that KCC should have an asbestos certificate. An approximate figure for demolition would be provided and that testing of lights could be undertaken for the sum of £450.</i></p>			
21/37	<b>LOCAL PLAN / WATES</b>			
	Updated figures had not been received from Richard Buxton Solicitors therefore the Clerk was unable to provide a final statement of expenditure.			
21/38	<b>BUDGET / PRECEPT</b>			
	To be considered on Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> January 7.30			
	There being no further business, the Chairman thanked members for attending and closed the meeting at 8.08 pm  Signed.....  Date.....			