

**MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF HEALING PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY
23rd MARCH 2021 AT 7.00 PM AS A VIRTUAL MEETING ON ZOOM PORTAL**

Present: Cllr. Smith
Cllrs. Wright, Fieldgate, Wright, Hewins, Gorry

Apologies: Cllr. Nijjar and Bygott

Absent: Cllr. Mooney

There were no others present.

(All those present by both audio and visual means including the Clerk as minute taker)

20/163 To receive and accept apologies for absence

Received from Cllr. Nijjar (first aid course commitment), Cllr. Bygott (family commitment) and accepted.

20/164 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Code of Conduct 2012) –

None made.

20/165 New Village Hall Project

To receive report from Chairman on update to current progress including update on submitted planning applications for change of use and receive information on VAT costs for building and agree necessary actions

Chairman explained reasons why meeting had been called, several of which had now resolved themselves. Cllr. Wright had liaised with building contractor and there would be an increase on building costs due to materials increases but this was pledged to be no more than £7k at the most. With reference to VAT reclamation, a member had raised some concerns over whether this could be reclaimed. Clerk advised, and this had been confirmed through ERNLLCA specialist and circulated to all members, that VAT Notice 749 regulations would be applicable, with a rolling average over 7 years which would allow the reclaim of the VAT for the project whilst still keeping the PC within the limits of the legislation for local authority bodies. This would be allowed for this project only and not for future reclamations.

Cllr. Wright left the meeting at 7.20 pm.

Amendments to the planning application submitted for the change of use for the Village Hall had been received and members were in full support of the application and comments would be submitted to confirm this. Clerk was asked to reiterate that the applicant has addressed all of the issues and also that the Council was disappointed to read the nature of some of the objections on the planning portal, which were not based on planning matters, and which appeared to be discriminatory in some instances.

Members present also agreed to make formal request of Ward Cllrs. to 'call in' the application to ensure it would be decided by the Planning Committee and not officer delegation.

RESOLVED: That the Council was in support of the amendments to the application for The change of use of the Village Hall and that the Ward Cllrs. would be formally Requested to 'call in' the application to ensure its decision by the Planning Committee

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.28 pm.

Signed:

Date: