

## **Minutes of Bratton Clovelly Parish Hall Committee held on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2009**

**Present:** G England (Chairman), J Codling, (Vice Chairman), H Down (Booking Secretary), L Eydon (Treasurer), G Cooke (Secretary), A Barrow, G Barrett, P Down, R Hopkins, M Jordan, K Hunkin, J Lake, N Miles, R Moyse, E Perkins and P Worth.

**1. Apologies:** J Dowell, J Gardner (represented by A Barrow), S Hendy, R Jordan.(represented by M Jordan) and R Woodward (represented by N Miles). The Chairman welcomed Mr Hopkins' return to the Committee and expressed the hope that his health would continue to improve.

**2. Minutes** of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2009 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

### **3. Matters Arising:**

**Action**

**Car Park:** The Chairman had not been successful in contacting Mr Penfold by phone and the Secretary was asked to write to him reminding him of the outstanding work.

**G.C**

**Payback Sign:** The additional sign had yet to be put up in the Hall. Phillip Worth and John Codling undertook to see to this.

**P.W/J.C**

**4. Hot Water System:** The Chairman reported that the hot water system had had to be turned off, when plumbers inspecting it had identified problems. A new cold water tank had been ordered and Blake Hendy would install it on the day after the Committee meeting and he and an electrician colleague would check the thermostats and return the system to the expected standard.

**5. Fund Raising Lunch:** Rosie Moyse confirmed that tickets had been circulated and members were asked to advise her of numbers sold by 23<sup>rd</sup> February. Help would also be required with setting the Hall up on the morning of 1<sup>st</sup> March and with serving.

**All**

**6. Chris Batters:** Hester Down reported that a notice would be included in the next edition of North Moor News and that posters were being prepared. Tickets had also been printed.

**7. Brenda Yeo Concert:** The Chairman drew attention to Brenda's proposed concert on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2010 and to the need to set the Hall up on the previous day.

**8. Insurance:** The Chairman reported that, following a meeting between representatives of the Parish Council and the Parish Hall Committee, attempts were progressing to try to integrate their respective insurance arrangements. Linn Eydon reported that she had received a quote of an additional £230 to extend coverage to the play ground equipment. The issue was expected to be considered further by the PC at its meeting in early March.

**9. Open Meeting:** Peter Down expressed his disappointment at the numbers attending the meeting, particularly the absence of Parish Council representatives. Members fed back the views of their respective groups. Both the WI and Play Group had evenly split views with respect to wind turbines, with differences emerging between those who lived in the village and those from outside it. The majority of Art Group members come from outside the village and were mainly concerned to ensure that the heating was improved. The Garden Club shared that view. The Youth Club were, on balance, in favour of a solution which included a wind turbine. The Badminton Club would prefer a solution based on solar panels, with one member, in particular, opposing wind turbines strongly. Other groups had not had an opportunity to consult their members fully.

In response to a query from Nicky Miles, the Chairman advised that RE4D had advised that heat pumps would not be a suitable solution, since they would be most appropriate for under floor heating, which would necessitate the replacement of the floor, but that this would not attract grant funding,

**10. Renewable Energy Options:** The Chairman advised that a decision was needed urgently, since grant funding from the low carbon programme was running out rapidly. He tabled budget figures to cover three options:

1. A mixture of wind turbine and PV panels, with a wood pellet boiler.
2. PV panels and a wood pellet boiler.
3. A wood pellet boiler alone.

Each option would incorporate radiators. He was alarmed by the estimates received for improved insulation and wondered whether the best option might be to proceed with the energy options and to address insulation at a later date. However, Phillip Worth and Geoff Barrett felt that this might jeopardise grant applications. It was also felt that pursuing a wood pellet boiler alone would undermine the prospects of obtaining full grant support.

In addition to the views expressed by the representatives of user groups, the Chairman read out two letters, which opposed wind turbines strongly and he also fed back the details of other representations received. It was acknowledged that if a turbine-based solution were to be pursued, planning permission would be required and that this might well necessitate the Parish Council holding a Parish Meeting, to enable all residents of the village and Parish to express their views. Geoff Cooke and Phillip Worth expressed concern that, in view of the strength of views held by some of those opposing wind turbines, to pursue a solution involving wind power could well result in bad feeling within the village.

John Codling proposed and Geoff Barrett seconded a proposal that grant support be pursued for option 1, as a matter of urgency. The proposal was approved, with 11 votes in favour, 3 against and 2 abstentions. It was recognised that unresolved issues could be returned to later,

once the position concerning grant funding had been resolved. The Chairman stated that he had other commitments at present and was not able to give time to completing the grant forms within the timescale required. Assistance was requested from other members, but this was not forthcoming. At Geoff Barrett's suggestion, it was agreed to seek Andrew Knox's aid in submitting the other grant applications, provided that financial arrangements could be reached acceptable to the Treasurer and Chairman. John Codling agreed to take responsibility for preparing a planning application.

**G.E/L.E**  
**J.C**

**11. Stage and Storage:** At John Codling's suggestion, it was agreed to defer further consideration of improved arrangements for the stage and storage, pending the outcome of the energy grant applications (see Item 10 immediately above).

**12. Treasurer's Report:** Linn Eydon reported that the bank balance currently stood at £7,370, with both additional income and expenditure due before the end of the financial year

**13. Extensions:** In view of the need to concentrate efforts on renewable energy and heating, it was agreed put further consideration of possible extensions on the back burner for the time being. However, John Codling's suggestion that any proposed solution to energy/heating should take full account of any possible extension was supported.

**14. School Room:** Geoff Barrett reported that Dave Beck now had grant applications in hand and that £500 had been received from Grassroots, towards administration costs, and that a further £9,349 had been obtained from the sustainable communities fund.

**15. Any Other Business:** Nicky Miles advised the Committee that the Play Group would be pursuing grant funding for fencing off the rear of the Hall, by means of two gates, during periods when the Play Group was in operation.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 9.35pm.

**16. Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held in the Parish Hall on **Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> March.**

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