

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON 6TH JUNE 2007**

Present: Lucy Knox
Colin Parmenter
Neil Gurr

Apologies: Howard Boone

Cllr. Young was not present, nor were any apologies received.

1. **Clerks Wages**

Due to an oversight, the Clerk had never had her wages set by the NALC salary scales. These had now been received from Long Melford Parish Council and it was agreed to set these at £18,450.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Gurr

SECONDED: Cllr. Knox

2. **Village Hall**

Due to the amount of people now using the hall, it was agreed that many items needed to be updated as many of the facilities were now old. It was agreed that the Clerk should research and purchase new crockery, cutlery, swing bins, teapots, saucepans, a tea urn, tea towels, oven gloves and brushes, buckets and mops. She would send the prices to the chairman and vice-chairman for approval before purchasing.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Knox

SECONDED: Cllr. Gurr

It was agreed that the plans for the extension on the village hall should be expedited as soon as possible so that the grant application could be made. Cllr. Gurr and the clerk were meeting with the football team next week to discuss fund raising, and the Clerk had already discussed grant options with Babergh District Council. It was imperative that a public meeting was held and this would be arranged once the plans had been presented.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Knox

SECONDED: Cllr. Gurr

Cllr. Knox would arrange for a new sign to be placed in the car park regarding parking at owners risk and also that the gates would be closed when the village hall was not in use, as there had been a number of occasions recently when people had been locked in because the old notice was now very weathered.

3. **Village Hubs Project**

The Clerk and Chairman were visiting Babergh the following day to meet with Sue Longhurst regarding this project. Funding was available and they would be discussing activities for the 13-16 year old teenagers after September.

4. **Banking Mandate**

Cllr. Watkinson needed to be removed from the banking mandate as she was now long a member so this was actioned and signed.

5. **Neighbourhood Watch**

The Clerk had been in contact with Elizabeth Ireland regarding the reformation of Neighbourhood Watch and had given her names of volunteers who were happy to be co-ordinators. Signage would need to be purchased for the village once the new scheme was underway.

6. **Graffiti**

There had been a spate of graffiti over the weekend in the village hall area. Stuart had visited one of the perpetrators and it was agreed that the Council would pursue this matter if there were no results from the police. In the meantime, the Clerk and vice-Chairman would remove the offending articles at the weekend but would photograph the evidence first and then contact the parents to reclaim costs if nothing was heard from the police.

There being no other business, the meeting finished at 8.15pm.

Approved

Date