

SELLING PARISH COUNCIL
Parish Council Meeting
Selling Village Hall, February 13 2009 at 8.00pm

MINUTES

In attendance; Cllrs Rehal, Cook, Webb, Elvy, Hobson and Saunders, SBCLlr Bowles and four members of the public.

Cllr Rehal welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked if anyone wished to speak on any agenda item. SBCLlr Bowles and one member of the public wished to speak against item 5ii.

In the absence of a Clerk, Cllr Cook took the minutes and Cllr Webb acted as RFO.

1. Apologies

Cllr Neame apologised for his absence citing his reluctance to submit himself to the stresses he felt would be suffered during the meeting.

2. Declarations of Interest and Update to Disclose Pecuniary Interests.

There was none.

3. Minutes

Cllr Saunders questioned the minutes of January 2019 and said she wished to be named as the councillor who objected to item 5i; Payment of Clerk's expenses.

Minutes were accepted by 5 votes to 1.

4. To receive an update about progress of resolutions from previous meeting.

Cllr Hobson reported he had set up a Selling Parish Council Facebook page as asked, and had started inviting all councillors and residents to view it.

Recruitment of Clerk was to be discussed under item 6.

Viewing of Council video recordings was not discussed due to constant interruptions from a member.

5. Finance Matters

i. **Payments** of £24.71 to SSE Energy, £51.00 to Streetlights and £114.00 to Cllr Rehal were proposed and seconded and accepted unanimously. Cllr Rehal had declared an interest just before the item.

Payments of £180.00 to the Locum Clerk and £20.48 to HMRC were proposed, seconded and accepted by 5 votes, with Cllr Saunders voting against.

ii. **To Acknowledge the payment of £5000 from an anonymous donor toward replacement lighting.**

Open Session; SBCLlr Bowles and Cllr Saunders had contacted senior legal advisors at KCC and questioned the wisdom of accepting such a donation from an anonymous donor on the grounds of possible future bias.

The identity of the donor was known to one member only.

Despite having been assured by the legal advisor at KALC that such a donation was acceptable, it was proposed and seconded that SPC refer to the donor for permission to disclose their identity to council members only. This was accepted by 4 votes with 2 abstentions.

iii Draft Levels of Reserves

These were accepted by 5 votes against 1. Cllr Webb signed the bank reconciliation.

6. Recruitment of new Clerk – CLOSED SESSION at to decide the way forward.

The Closed session was deferred until the end of the meeting.

7. Newsletter Update.

It was proposed and seconded that Cllr Hobson should edit and produce the Spring Edition of the SPC Newsletter.

8. Website Update

Cllr Rehal reported that the agreement with the SPC website host is up for renewal in June, and that a UK-based host would be considerably cheaper than the current one. It was agreed to look at sites offered by KCC and others before making a decision.

9. Setting of Dates for Annual Parish Meeting, Annual Council Meeting and May monthly meeting.

The date set for the Annual Parish Meeting is April 10th 2019; the May monthly meeting is scheduled for May 1st, and the date of the Annual Council Meeting will be decided at the next meeting.

10. Electric Light Replacement.

It was agreed that repair and replacement of worn and faulty equipment was a matter of public safety and therefore of some urgency, that costs could be met from reserves if necessary, and the work should be commissioned immediately.

11. Planning Matters

i 18/505785/TPO Cedar Lodge, The Street, Selling.

ii 19/500156/TCA St. Mary's Church, Selling

There were no objections to either application.

12. To confirm the date of the next meeting

The next meeting will be on March 6th, 2019

CLOSED SESSION

There were three applications for the post of Clerk, and it was agreed that two of them would be invited for interview. Cllrs Cook, Elvy and Hobson would comprise the interview panel. Candidates would be invited to attend for interview on Wednesday 20th February 2019.

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION

A parishioner had a list of questions and he was asked to email the chair with all the questions.

Meeting ended at 9.50 pm

Signed.....

Ash Rehal [Chair]