

Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 21st August 2008 at 7.30pm

This meeting had been called especially to discuss quotes received for work on the village hall roof.

Present Cllrs. Betts, Humphreys, Miles, Preece, & Watchorn (in the Chair). Also Mr Suthers (County Councillor).

Apologies for Absence. Cllr. Lineker & Straw.

Declaration of Interest on items below. Cllr. Betts declared a Personal Interest being a social acquaintance of Stuart Shore.

Repairs to Village Hall Roof

In March 2008 it was noted that repair work was need to the valleys at the rear of the village hall roof. A specification was prepared, dated 12/4/2008, by Cllrs. Straw, Watchorn and Preece which called for more work to one valley than the other. Quotes were requested.

One quote was received as per the specification at £750

It took some time to obtain further quotes but when these contractors inspected the work they were of the opinion that the same work was required to both valleys. Three quotes were obtained to this upgraded specification they were: £650, £750 and £1,500.

The original contractor was invited back to inspect the other valley and offer a revised quote in line with the three already received. On inspection this contractor was of the view that more work was required and offered a detailed specification and quote of £3,350.

Councillors had made a site inspection and this meeting was to formally agree how to proceed as it was considered important to get work done before the winter.

It was acknowledged that should the enhanced specification quote of £3,350 be accepted Council would need to give reasons why this quote had been accepted without a other like quotes being considered. Cllr. Preece was of the view that while the higher quote work was correctly identified, similar defects were present on most old properties. Cllr. Preece proposed that a lower quote be accepted to provide a ten year (min.) repair pending additional work that has already been identified being carried out.

After further discussion it was agreed to accept one of the three identical quotes for work in line with the original specification draw up on 12/4/2008 but with similar work to both valleys.

It was agreed to accept the quote of £1,500 from Kevin G. Bellamy.

Mr Suthers having listened to the discussion then offered, from his NCC funding, the sum of £300 towards the work. Councillors thanked Mr Suthers for this generous offer which was accepted.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8pm.

Date of next meeting 9th September 2008