

A Report of the Bell Centre Sub Committee to the Parish Council

The Committee met at 7.30 pm on **Monday 29th March 2010** in Committee Room 1 at the Parish Hall in Great Baddow. Councillor Mrs D Ronaldson chaired the meeting.

Present: Councillors Mrs D Ronaldson, Mrs V Sadowsky, Mrs M Miller, Mrs C Shaw, A Sosin, S Russell, B Heelis and Mrs A Martin

In attendance: Clerk of the Council and Assistant Clerk

724/09 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

725/09 Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of interests.

726/09 Public Question Time

There were no members of the public present.

727/09 Minutes - The minutes from the last meeting held on 21st September 2009 were signed as a true record by Cllr Mrs D Ronaldson. Proposed by Cllr Mrs D Ronaldson and seconded by Cllr Mrs C Shaw.

728/09 Clerks Report

There was no written Clerks report as the matters for updating were on the agenda. The Clerk circulated an updated Income and Expenditure report and it was noted that income for the year had already exceeded the budget forecast.

729/09 Maintenance Issues

- The Clerk reported that the fire door notices have now been installed.
- The plastic fencing in the car park has been repaired and this is proving to be a suitable deterrent. The limit of three cars remains in place and is being enforced.

730/09 Update report on the number of hires in the Hall

A report prepared by the Assistant Clerk was circulated prior to the meeting. It was noted that two regular hirers have now cancelled their booking at the Bell Centre. The scrapbooking class is no longer able to continue on a Wednesday evening due to a drop in numbers and the Friday afternoon Karate class has moved to a larger venue. The number of individual function bookings was low over the past three months but is greatly improved for the next three months.

731/09 Matters for Information

There were no matters for information.

It was resolved under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) 1960 to close the meeting to the public and press for the following item.

732/09 Bell Centre Lease

The Clerk reported that an update has been received from Nick Taylor, who has spoken to Andy Lyons at WS Atkins, and is awaiting instructions from Essex County Council when the budgets have been set for this year. The Clerk will continue to chase Nick Taylor for a report as it is not possible to proceed any further until the issue of the wall is resolved. Cllr Mrs D Ronaldson noted that information had been circulated by Cllr K Ronaldson concerning possible building alternatives and it was agreed that this, and

other options, could be taken into account by Elwell Taylor once a report has been received. It was agreed that this matter should be placed on the Council agenda for June 2010.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 7.55 pm.

Signed..... Chairman Date.....