

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

The Committee met at 7.30 pm on **Monday 2nd March 2015** in Committee Room 1 at the Parish Hall in Great Baddow. Councillor Mrs V Sadowsky chaired the meeting.

Present: Councillors Mrs V Sadowsky, Mrs D Ronaldson, K Liley, Mrs M Miller, Mrs C Shaw and Mrs J Sosin

In attendance: The Assistant Clerk of the Council
Cllr T Miller

682/14 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs T Hatcher and J Fuller.

683/14 Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, Other Pecuniary Interests or Registerable Non Pecuniary Interests.

684/14 Public Question Time

There were no members of the public present.

685/14 Minutes

The minutes from the last meeting held on 15th September 2014 were signed as a true record by Cllr Mrs V Sadowsky. Proposed by Cllr Mrs V Sadowsky and seconded by Cllr K Liley.

686/14 Clerks Report

There was no written Clerks report as the matters for updating were on the agenda.

687/14 Update Report on Hall Hire Numbers

A report prepared by the Assistant Clerk had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was noted that party bookings at the Bell Centre remained low and that both the Do-Re-Minis toddler music group, and the WI Burlesque Dancing Group, have cancelled their hires. It remains difficult to encourage new bookings until the deteriorating condition of the Bell Centre can be addressed.

688/14 Matters for Information

- Cllr Mrs J Sosin informed the meeting that the Clerk has today started a phased return to work, and will be continuing on this basis until after the Easter break, when she will resume full time working. Cllr Mrs J Sosin will forward a schedule of the phased working hours to all councillors.
- Cllr Mrs C Shaw raised the matter of preparation for the Village Conference and Cllr Mrs J Sosin replied that she would be contacting those councillors who need to prepare reports to remind them of the deadlines. Invitations will also be sent to those external organisations that normally attend, and reports will be requested. It was agreed to contact both Craig Bernard and Paul Austin from the local police. The Assistant Clerk confirmed that the recipient of the Burgess Award, Mr Bob Hendrie, would be unable to attend the Community Celebration to receive his award, and would be attending the Village Conference for a presentation. Cllr Mrs V Sadowsky proposed that an invitation should be extended to members of the rotary club to attend the presentation, and agreed to provide contact details to the office.

- Cllr Mrs M Miller noted that road works had been in place at both ends of Pump Hill on Sunday, and these may have been related to the development work on the neighbouring site in Bell Street.

It was resolved that the meeting would be closed to the public and press under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted in the following item

689/14 Bell Centre Lease

The Assistant Clerk reported that no update had been received from the Parish Council's solicitor concerning the lease, or from Hurley Porte & Duell concerning the feasibility study, and that both matters were progressing.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 7.53 pm.

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