

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

The Committee met at 8.00 pm on **Monday 28th September 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, Mrs M Miller and Mrs C Shaw

In attendance: The Clerk of the Council and the Assistant Clerk

348/15 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Mrs J Sosin, Mrs V Chiswell and K Liley.

349/15 Declarations of Interests

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

350/15 Minutes

The minutes from the last meeting held on 2nd March 2015 were signed as a true record by Cllr Mrs V Sadowsky. Proposed by Cllr Mrs V Sadowsky and seconded by Cllr Mrs M Miller with the following amendment to the report title: the year '2014' to be deleted and replaced by '2015'.

351/15 Public Question Time

There were no members of the public present.

352/15 Clerks Report

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

353/15 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 it is difficult to encourage new bookings whilst continuing discussions on the future of the building are preventing any maintenance work from being carried out.

354/15 Budget

1. Review of budget spending for 2015/2016

The Clerk introduced a review of the budget spending to date for 2015/2016 and it was agreed that the expenditure was in line with the budget in most areas and the only concern was the Trade Refuse Budget which will be overspent.

2. Draft budget for 2016/2017

The Clerk had circulated a draft budget prior to the meeting and noted the areas where the budget has been increased in line with inflation or with information from Cllr A Sosin on the percentage increases expected to be applied by Chelmsford City Council.

It was agreed that this budget should go forward to the Finance and General Purposes Committee as the recommendation of the Bell Centre Sub Committee.

355/15 Bell Centre Rebuilding/Refurbishment

The Clerk reported that following the previous meeting of this committee, Hurley Porte & Duell had been appointed to carry out a feasibility study for

the rebuilding/refurbishment of the Bell Centre and this had now been received. An additional meeting of the full Council has been scheduled for 13th October 2015 to discuss the report and the associated costs.

356/15Matters for Information

- Cllr Mrs D Ronaldson reported that further work had been carried out on the mural in the Bringey underpass, which is nearing completion.

357/15Private and Confidential

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. Proposed by Cllr Mrs V Sadowsky and seconded by Cllr Mrs D Ronaldson.

358/15Bell Centre Lease

The Clerk informed the meeting that she had located a map that was provided at the time the original lease was taken out in 1994 and this showed that the triangle of land at the side of the Bell Centre was not included in the lease. However a subsequent map, prepared at the time of the lease renewal in 2001, does show the triangle as part of the lease arrangement. Cllr Mrs C Shaw confirmed that she could not recall any discussion about taking over this piece of land at the time of the lease renewal and the Clerk confirmed this. The Clerk will contact the Parish Council's solicitor on this matter.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8.26 pm.

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