

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

The Committee met at 7.30 pm on **Monday 26th February 2018** in Committee Room 1 at the Parish Hall in Great Baddow.

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

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

676/17 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mrs D Ronaldson, who had substituted Cllr T Miller and Cllr J Fuller.

677/17 Declarations of Interests

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

678/17 Minutes

The minutes from the last meeting held on 18th September 2018 were signed as a true record by Cllr Mrs V Chiswell. Proposed by Cllr Mrs V Chiswell, seconded by Cllr Mrs C Shaw and agreed unanimously.

679/17 Public Question Time

There were no members of the public present.

680/17 Clerks Report

The Clerk informed the meeting that there had been a problem with the heating system in the Bell Centre today, and Anglia Heating had been called out. A new motorised valve had been fitted and the boiler is now working again.

681/17 Update Report on Hall Hire Numbers

A report prepared by the ^{Deputy} Assistant Clerk had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was noted that party bookings at the Bell Centre remained low, with no individual party hires in the next six months. A new booking has been made for weekly dog training classes, which are taking place on a Monday morning.

682/17 Bell Centre Maintenance

The Clerk reported that no significant maintenance issues had been reported in the past six months. The handyman has attended to some problems with the entrance door, mainly due to movement of the door in the damp conditions.

683/17 Matters for Information

- Cllr Mrs V Sadowsky reported that there was a large pothole, surrounding a drain cover, at the Baddow Road end of Beehive Lane, outside the Co-operative Funeral Parlour. This will be reported.
- Cllr Mrs V Sadowsky informed the meeting of an event being held in Great Baddow Library, on Wednesday 7th March 2018, to discuss the future role of libraries within their local communities.

684/17 Private 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 Chiswell and seconded by Cllr Mrs J Sosin.

685/16 **Bell Centre Lease**

The Clerk confirmed that a meeting had been held with Lambert Smith Hampton to discuss the surrender of the Bell Centre lease, and subsequent queries had been answered regarding the number of hirers, including the YMCA, who are currently using the Centre. The Clerk is awaiting a reply from Lambert Smith Hampton with regard to the arrangements for the withdrawal, and this will be chased. The Clerk confirmed that Lambert Smith Hampton have contacted the YMCA with regard to the future use of the building, and it was agreed that the Parish Council will arrange a meeting with the YMCA to discuss any actions that could be taken by the Parish Council to assist in the future of youth provision in the parish.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 7.48

Signed..... *J E Sec* Chairman Date..... *12th March 2018*