

PADBURY PARISH COUNCIL**Minutes of an Extraordinary meeting of Padbury Parish Council held at Springfields Pavilion
on Thursday 12th July 2018 at 7.30 p.m.**

Present: Cllr. M. Long, Chairman; Cllr. S. Dickens; Cllr. V. Murray; Cllr. K. Roberts; Cllr. M. Williamson

Also present: Deborah O'Brien, Locum Clerk; 2 Trustees of the Village Hall

Period of Public Questions: Mrs Long, Chairman of the Trustees of Padbury Village Hall, addressed the meeting. The Trustees have been endeavouring to obtain planning permission to improve the toilet facilities at the Village Hall for over 4 years. It is a listed building within a Conservation Area. They have finally received approval (17/03945/ALB) to convert a storage cupboard and upgrade the existing facilities. On attending a funding fair she was advised by the Grants Officer at AVDC to apply for New Homes Bonus monies even though the Village Hall is not owned by the Parish Council. An application will be considered by the NHB Committee provided that it is supported by the Parish Council and that the Parish Council will make the application on behalf of the Village Hall. An expression of interest was entered by the Village Hall Trustees and was accepted. Closing date for this application is 27th July with an answer expected by 31st March 2019. Would the Parish Council support this application by the Village Hall Trustees?

The meeting commenced at 7:40 pm.

50.0 Apologies received from Cllr Burton.

51.0 Declarations of Interest – Cllr Morris is a Trustee of the Village Hall and so did not take part in the discussions or decisions of the Parish Council. He attended as a Trustee.

52.0 Request for support from the Village Hall Trustees in respect of funding from the New Homes Bonus to carry out works associated with planning application 17/03945/ALB: Members considered the application request. Cllr Roberts advised that it would be necessary to describe the wide usage of the Village Hall in a robust manner. The tangible benefits for the community need to be demonstrated. Cllr Murray enquired if this would have a negative effect on future applications to be made by the Parish Council. It is unknown if NHB funding will extend beyond this financial year. Cllr Williamson enquired if this would affect S106 monies due to the Parish from the Lagan Homes development – these are not considered to be related. The AVDC Grants Officer, Jan Roffe has advised that all funds must be paid to the Parish Council directly. The Clerk explained that she had then determined from NALC's financial advisor, Derek Kemp, that the funds could be granted to the Village Hall Trustees by the Parish Council under **LGA1976 S19 3(a):** *A Local Authority may contribute by way of grant or loan towards the expenses incurred or to be incurred by any voluntary organisation in providing any recreational facilities which the authority has power to provide by virtue of subsection (1) of this section.*

The Parish Council may not reclaim any VAT on the Village Hall's behalf and so that amount must be included in the funding request.

RESOLVED to support the Village Hall Trustees' application for New Homes Bonus funding. Mrs Long to submit all documents to the Clerk who will make the application on behalf of the Trustees and issue a covering letter of support.

53.0 Dates of next meetings – Padbury Parish Council – Members are asked to note and confirm: No meeting in August; 11th September 2018; 9th October 2018; 13th November 2018; No meeting in December

Meeting closed at 7:55 pm

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