

CUCKFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Queen's Hall, High Street, Cuckfield, RH17 5EL



Minutes of the Extra Meeting of the Full Council held at 8.15pm on 25th January 2018

Present: Mr A Burton(Chair), Mrs M Dormer, Mrs F Laing, Mrs A King, Mr P Mantripp, Mrs J Notaras, Mr S Oversby-Powell, Mr M Sambrook

In Attendance: Ms C Hansen (Assistant Clerk), Mrs S Heynes (Clerk),

FC104. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr C Mercer and Mr N Page. Due to the absence of Mr Page, Mr Burton was nominated as the Chair for the meeting.

FC105. Declarations of Interest

Mrs Notaras and Mr Oversby-Powell declared an interest in item FC107.

FC106. Public Question Time

2 members of the public were present representing Cuckfield Playgroup. They emphasised that the Playgroup is run as a charity and not a private business, to enable all children in the area to benefit.

FC107. To receive and consider the proposal to increase the rate paid by Cuckfield Preschool to hire the Village Hall, and to consider the introduction of a new annual contract between Cuckfield Preschool and Cuckfield Parish Council

Council resolved to increase the Cuckfield Village Hall hourly hire rate to £7.50 including VAT, effective from 1st April 2018. The Clerk was instructed to communicate this with Cuckfield Preschool, and also to request that twice yearly meetings with the Cuckfield Preschool are scheduled.

The Clerk was also instructed to ask that they make a proposal for a phased rate increase beyond 2018, and to recommend that they moved to a more sustainable operating model by the end of 2018.

Council resolved to adopt the new contract, after minor changes to the notice period had been amended, as agreed with Preschool.

FC108. To ratify the proposal to increase the Part Time Grounds Person role by 5 hours per week, which together with 5 hours allocated to provide weekend caretaking support at both halls would increase the role to 31 hours per week, at an hourly rate of £9.39/hour, which would equate to £15,139 pro rata per annum

Council resolved to approve the role, and instructed the Clerk to commence advertising the vacancy.

FC109. To review and ratify the precept requirements for 2018-19

Council resolved by majority vote to proceed with the precept increase of

14.22% for 2018-19.

FC110. Matters Arising

None.

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