

Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of Staploe Parish Council held Online at 7.45pm on Saturday 6th March 2021 on Zoom

Present: Cllr. J. Ibbett, Cllr. V. Zwetsloot, Cllr. D. Smith, Cllr. G. Meola, Cllr. E. Meola and Lucy Crawford (Clerk)

Apologies for absence: Cllr. J. Thomson and Cllr. R. Squire

2021/023. Declarations of Interest

None

2021/024. Approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 25th February 2021

Having been previously circulated the minutes were approved as an accurate record of the meeting with two amendments regarding the playing field.

2021/025. Public Open Forum

No members of the public were present.

2021/026. Demolition of the Village Hall

The Clerk reported that Cowley Environmental had found some asbestos in the floor slab and had therefore had to quote separately for removal of the slab. Meanwhile they had to stop work until the Parish Council met to approve the quote. This necessitated an extension to the hire of the digger and safety fencing at an additional up-front cost of £550. The Clerk reported that she had used her delegated emergency powers to pay for this extension.

- Consider the quote from Cowley Environmental for £3000 +VAT to remove the floor slab at the hall. It was resolved to accept the quote from Cowley Environmental. The Clerk is to instruct Cowley Environmental to remove the floor slab down to ground level and clear any asbestos from within the concrete for £3000 plus VAT and confirm that this price includes machine hire and fencing until the job is complete. It was agreed that it was essential that we receive a method statement before they start work. The Clerk reported that there has been considerable concern from members of the public about the work. Therefore the Clerk will ask for the following:
 - ensure they use a locked skip for any asbestos waste (Cowleys have confirmed that all the asbestos was held in a locked skip during the demolition and the open skip on site was only for non asbestos waste) or special asbestos bags, put up a sign when asbestos waste is being handled and ensure that operatives are wearing asbestos masks.
 - ensure that the site is left safe, clean and tidy after they finish – that no broken glass be left on site etc. and it should be in a state that would permit a member of the public to walk on it safely once the safety fencing is removed.

Proposed by Cllr. E. Meola and seconded by Cllr. D. Smith.

- Consider the quote to remove the foundations at the hall
- It was resolved not to accept the quote from Cowley Environmental for £1500 +VAT. Cllr. E. Meola had inspected the site with M. Potts and felt that removal of the foundations now could create an area of weak ground when we rebuild.

Proposed by Cllr. E. Meola and seconded by Cllr. J. Ibbett

- It was resolved to follow the advice of Cowley Environmental not to close the play area as there is no risk of airbourne particles reaching beyond the safety fencing.

.Proposed by Cllr. V. Zwetsloot and seconded by Cllr. D. Smith.

The meeting closed at 8.12pm