

**MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF LITLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN LITLINGTON VILLAGE HALL
ON TUESDAY 29th SEPTEMBER 2015**

PRESENT: Cllr Wiltshire (Chairman), Cllr Baker, Cllr Williams, Cllr Sharp, Cllr Pipe
Members of the Public: 2

7.00pm PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

In the absence of Cllr Bathmaker the meeting was chaired by Cllr Wiltshire

01. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Bathmaker, Cllr Pledger, Cllr Jones, Cllr McClelland

02. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS AND PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations made.

03. OPEN FORUM

Mrs Heather Williams, who was involved with the investigation for a refurbishment project for the Recreation Centre was invited to take part in the discussion under Item 04.

04. TO AGREE REPLACEMENT HEATING SYSTEM, AND EXPENDITURE, FOR RECREATION CENTRE

4.1 Heaters

Cllr Pipe began the discussion by given the background to the replacement heating requirement. The existing storage heaters resulted in huge electricity bills and so a cheaper more efficient form of heating needed to be installed to replace these.

He had spoken to a contractor who had suggested 4 x 950W and 2x1300W infra red heaters, with grills, for the size of the hall. These would be controlled by a thermostat with coin meters. The existing radiant heaters, which were currently connected to coin meters, would remain. The annual estimated heating costs for running the heaters for 540 hours would be approximately £582 per annum.

Mrs Williams was invited to present her recommendation. She had also received a quotation from the same contractor but this was for 8 x 950W heaters with grills. She suggested that instead of coin meters a sensor be installed to control the temperature adding that the sensor would also turn off the heaters if there was nobody in the building.

A discussion took place on the prices obtained for the two quotations which differed due to the number and power of the heaters. Cllr Pipe had also sought a quotation from an electrician for installation of the heaters and to remove the storage heaters from the hall and move them outside.

After further discussion it was agreed that Mrs Williams would obtain a quotation from another electrical contractor for the installation of both 6 and 8 heaters with thermostats and sensors/coin meters plus the removal of the storage heaters. The details of the quotes would then be forwarded to Councillors before the next Parish Council meeting on the 13th October 2015 so that a decision could be reached at that meeting.

4.2 Solar Panels

It was suggested that solar panels be investigated for installation on the Recreation Centre roof. Mrs Williams advised that she had investigated this for the refurbishment project and there would be grants available if the building project went ahead. The estimated cost for 16 panels was between £7,000 and £8,000 with an annual return of around £600.

05. OTHER

There were no other issues raised.

There was no other business and the meeting was closed at 7.50 pm

Chairman

Date