

Meeting between Hadlow Down Community Centre Committee and Hadlow Down Parish Council

Minutes of meeting 6th October 2011
at 7:30pm

In attendance:- Janet Tourell, Richard Boswell, John Thompson, Bob Lake, Graham Terry, Paul James, Rachel Lewis, Sandra Richards, Vicky Richards, Nigel Harrison, David Walker and the PC Clerk Helen Simpson-Wells

1. Apologies for absence: apologies received from Cllr Damon Wellman

**2&3. Responsibilities: Parish Council only; Committee only; Parish Council and Committee.
Minutes of meetings.**

The Committee confirmed that they expected to receive the following from the Parish Council (PC) – support (financial and moral), proper dialogue, partnership, transparency and to fulfil the recommendations of the committee.

GT to forward original minutes to PC which confirms committee members.

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The committee members will be revised in October 2011.

Concern was expressed by the committee that some people in the village feel that the decision has already been made over which site will be used, they confirmed that this is not the case.

7.37pm Michael Lunn joined the meeting.

It was felt that there needs to more communication between the 2 groups. The PC will be copied in on all of the committee's minutes.

The committee were congratulated on the number of survey responses they had received.

It was confirmed that the PC made a resolution over a year ago supporting a new Community Centre, DW confirmed that nothing had changed.

The committee will need help from the PC with approaches to WDC.

GT confirmed that the committee's remit is to "establish the need for and villagers' requirements for a new hall and where it should be established and get it built"

DW advised that the PC would support the committee if they were following the view of the village.

4. Next Steps:

Concern was expressed that costs should be looked at, especially as the PC have their initial precept meeting for 2012-13 on 18th October.

It was agreed that the PC should be informed of the outcome of the survey and of the meeting with WDC planning department and ESCC Highways department, prior to the public meeting, although it was felt that it would be difficult to fit in another meeting prior to 28th October. The public will be informed, at their meeting, that the committee will be consulting with the PC.

The PC asked that the committee keep them informed and that they carry out the results of the survey. It was felt that the PC needs to be an impartial critical friend for the committee.

Paul James left the meeting at 8pm.

Janet Tourell to forward HSW a copy of the transferring deeds information from AirS.

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A discussion was held on the financing of the project and the possible future of the present village hall.

Once the results are known from the survey the committee will go to planning and then fundraise.

The committee will produce a project plan and the PC have an agreed partnership with the committee.

It was agreed that committee minutes will in future appear in the Parish Magazine and that the PC would see the planning department's report.

Survey results to be collated before the public meeting on 28th October.

Meeting closed 8:31pm