

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Property Committee
held in the Council Chamber, Yaxley Parish Council on 12th January 2016.**

Present:- Councillor R Butcher – Chairman

Councillors A Bartle, G Bellamy, C Bolton, K Gulson, J Lusted, M Oliver, D Porteous, A Rees, C Thorne and J Willis.

In attendance – H Taylor and Councillors S Butler, P Russell and A Wood.

PR29. APOLOGIES

No apologies were received.

PR30. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No declarations were received.

PR31. MINUTES

Councillor C Bolton proposed approval of the Minutes of the Committee held on 17th November 2015. This was seconded by Councillor C Thorne and unanimously **RESOLVED.**

PR32. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No Member of the Public wished to speak.

PR33. HALL HIRE RATES

By way of a report by the Clerk (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) Members reviewed the cost of hiring the Austin Hall, Owen Pooley Hall and Queens Park after 10.00pm and the charge for a weekend. It was explained that the current rates for two of the halls were the same for a Sunday through to a Friday with a higher charge for a Saturday only. Mention also was made of the need to introduce a higher charge for bookings after 10.00pm to reflect the cost of locking up after this time. Whereupon, it was proposed by C Bolton that a weekend rate of £18.50 per hour for the Austin Hall and Queens Park Hall and £15.00 for the Owen Pooley Hall be introduced with immediate effect. It was also proposed that a new after 10.00pm rate be introduced with immediate effect of £30.00 per hour for the Austin Hall and Queens Park Hall and £25.00 for the Owen Pooley Hall. This was seconded by Councillor M Oliver and unanimously **RESOLVED.**

PR34. EXCLUSION THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

That in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and by reason of the confidential nature of the remainder of the business, the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting.

It was proposed by Councillor K Gulson and seconded by Councillor A Rees that the meeting should be closed to the press and public at 8.50pm.

PR35. OWEN POOLEY HALL – CHIMNEYS AND BELL TOWER MAINTENANCE

With the aid of a report by the Clerk (a copy of which is appended in the Annex to the Minute Book) Members received additional information from Moore Restoration regarding the work envisaged for the Owen Pooley Hall chimneys and bell tower. Members noted that the District Council's Conservation Team had agreed that the repointing and cutting out of bricks was considered to be a repair and provided that a lime mortar was used then listed building consent would not be required. Councillor Butcher reported that he had been to look at an example of restoration carried out by Mr Moore and felt that his work was off a high standard. Whereupon, it was proposed by Councillor D Porteous that the repointing of the chimneys and bell tower be undertaken by Moore Restoration with Earls proving the scaffolding subject to the overall cost not exceeding £7,000. This was seconded by Councillor J Lusted and unanimously **RESOLVED**.

PR36. PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 RE-ADMITTANCE OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC.

That in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and by reason of the confidential nature of the remainder of the business being concluded, the Press and Public be re-admitted to the meeting.

It was proposed by Councillor C Bolton and seconded by Councillor K Gulson that the press and public should be readmitted to the meeting.

Meeting closed at 9.00pm

Signed

Chairman.