

WETHERSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of an Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held at Wethersfield Village Hall on Tuesday, 17th July 2018 commencing at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllr B Vincent (Chairman)
Cllr A Bowers
Cllr J Barker
Cllr Mrs S Booth
Cllr M Buchan
Cllr D Martin
Cllr M Taylor
Mrs A Lucas (Clerk to the Council)

In Attendance: Cllr P Tattersley (Braintree District Council)
2 Members of the Public

1. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Butland (Essex County Council), Cllr Schwier (Braintree District Council) and Cllr Daniel and accepted.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

Cllr Martin declared a non-pecuniary interest in Wethersfield Village Hall (minute reference 5).

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

- A Wethersfield resident expressed concern about the proposal to use part of the village hall as a community shop and asked that the Deed of Gift be checked. *The Chairman responded to this by saying that the Parish Council has already received some legal advice and there is some ambiguity in the interpretation.*
- It was reported that most residents appear to be more worried about the loss of the Post Office rather than the actual shop.
- Wethersfield Parish Church, St Mary Magdalene, was suggested as a possible alternative venue for a community shop. *The Chairman responded to this by suggesting CROWS could discuss this as a possible option when they meet with the Plunkett Foundation.*
- Cllr Tattersley suggested applying to Essex Community Foundation for funding. He said he would forward details to the clerk.

5. **PROPOSED COMMUNITY SHOP**

The motion to agree to fund a pre-application meeting between Braintree District Council and CROWS (Community Redevelopment of Wethersfield Shop) for the purpose of establishing whether Wethersfield Village Hall could be considered a possible venue for a community shop was proposed by Cllr Vincent, seconded by Cllr Barker and agreed unanimously.

6. **NEXT MEETINGS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL:** The next meeting of Wethersfield Parish Council will be held at Blackmore End Village Hall on Wednesday, 12th September 2018 commencing at 7.30pm.

The Chairman thanked everybody for attending and declared the meeting closed at 7.20pm.

Signed:
Chairman

Date: