

PICKMERE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF AN EXTRA MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

HELD ON TUESDAY 25TH NOVEMBER 2014 AT 7.30PM

Present: A Shore, (Chair), C Tarrant (Vice Chair), S Wilkinson, V Brown, S Read, R Fogerty (Clerk)

Apologies: P Gough, R Peppall.

The Chairperson, Andrew Shore, had called this extra meeting to discuss and make a decision on resolving the problem of the lack of hot water in the kitchen and hand-basins in the toilets in the Village Hall.

A heating engineer had inspected the hot water heater. It was not possible to repair it due to lack of availability of the spare parts. It is important to have a supply of hot water in the Hall for hand-washing in the kitchen and hand basins in the toilets.

AS asked the Councillors to consider the following options.

1. Replace the current water heater with another gas boiler. This would only provide a small amount of hot water.
2. Replace the present heater with an electric flash heater. This would need a new supply of electricity and water.
3. Based on a number of reasons consider replacing the central heating boiler and hot water heater with a 'combi-type' heater. Then disconnect the water tank in the loft space and cap and drain it (leave it in place).

AS went on to recommend Option 3 by installing an A-Rated boiler to replace the present 2 boilers, and this would provide the desired action of heating the Village Hall and providing a good supply of hot water. Also there is the issue of the radiator on the stage not functioning, due to it being at the highest point on the end of the system. Hopefully this would resolve this problem also.

The present Central Heating boiler also has a limited life now.

The Clerk is at present in the process of getting 2 quotes from local heating engineers and AS asked the councillors to consider replacing with Option 3, for a sum not to exceed £2,000. AS will then go on to meet with PG (Finance Officer) re. this.

There is a 'window of opportunity' to carry out this work next week, 1st – 5th December, when the Hall is not actually booked for use.

SR questioned the warranty and servicing that would be involved in this.

SR went on to propose Option 3 and this was seconded by CT. SW added to their proposal that the total expenditure should not exceed £2,000.

The Councillors voted in favour of Option 3 and to go ahead and install the system next week, as mentioned above.