



**WALBERTON PARISH COUNCIL
INCLUDING FONTWELL AND BINSTED**

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**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF WALBERTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE PAVILION AT 7.15pm
ON THURSDAY 8 FEBRUARY 2024.**

1. Record of attendance and apologies

91/24 In attendance: Cllrs Vawer, Hewson, McElvogue, McAuliffe and Titmus.
Clerk – C.Stevens

2. Declaration of interest in items on the agenda

92/24 Cllr Titmus declared a personal, non-reportable, interest in agenda item 3c as his property is adjacent to the Fontwell Community Centre, they share a boundary. Cllr Titmus declared he would opt out of any vote.
Cllr McElvogue declared a personal interest in agenda item 3c.
Cllr Hewson declared a personal interest in agenda item 3c.

3. Discussion of Fontwell Community Centre building options

93/24 a. To note estimated running costs – Running costs were estimated to be approximately £15,000 and that, working on 10 months of income, this would equate to £1,500 per month to break even.
b. To note current income/usage of The Pavilion – Current income from hire of The Pavilion is circa £10,000.
c. Discussion of proposals from interested parties – 5 potential users were discussed, 2 evening groups and 3 daytime proposals. It was agreed that all interested parties have their merits.
Resolved: To request further information from 3 daytime proposals in relation to a list of metrics agreed upon as follows: business viability, flexibility of use, hours of availability for other users, catchment area and benefit to the local community, what changes to the building would be required and transport impact on residents from users.

4. Agree actions

94/24 The Clerk will draft said email with a view to sending it on Friday 16 February to allow Councillors to add to the list of metrics should it be considered prudent.
The Clerk will also collate information of current usage of The Pavilion for reference and contact local hire facilities to gauge costings in the area.

The meeting closed at 9.02pm.

Signed.....
Chair

Date.....