

HARTLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL

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| Date | October 2017 |
| Agenda No 11 | |
| Title | Change of Venue for Parish Council Meetings |
| B a c k g r o u n d | <p>The Parish Council moved from the Parish Hall for its meetings because there was a Band practice on the same evening. This made it difficult to hear the proceedings.</p> <p>The current venue although offered free of charge. Is too large and airy for the purpose of 'easy to hear discussions'.</p> <p>Several Parish Councillors find it too hard to hear not only council business but public questions from the gallery.</p> <p>The hall is not heated in winter, making it very cold for councillors, and may deter residents who wish to attend Parish Council meetings.</p> <p>Parking is more limited than at the Parish Hall.</p> |
| C o n s i d e r a t i o n s | <p>The move to the Parish Hall premises would mean using a smaller, warmer and acoustically friendlier room.</p> <p>Parking and access would be improved for all who attend.</p> <p>A cost would be incurred but for many this would seem justified as the venue is better suited to PC meetings.</p> <p>It was noted at the August PC meeting that costing for the hire of a venue for PC meetings was not taken into consideration in the 2017/18 budget.</p> <p>The cost for the remainder of this financial year would be £100.</p> <p>There is another booking in the main hall on a Tuesday, a couple who may practice their dance routines. The volume of noise created would not impede on the Parish Council Meetings.</p> <p>Under the circumstances the Parish Hall is unlikely to obtain a more lucrative booking on Tuesday evenings and we will have a twelve month letting. So it is unlikely that the Parish Council will be 'evicted' without 12 months advanced notice.</p> |
| P r o p o s a l | <p>After full council discussion and agreement.</p> <p>That Hartlebury Parish Council Meetings move to Hartlebury Parish Hall, from November 2017.</p> <p>The Parish Hall will be paid £250 per annum for the monthly Parish Council Meetings.</p> <p>Separate Parish Council meetings will incur additional charges at the usual agreed rate.</p> |
| Risk | Low |
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