

Minutes of the Clavering Parish Council Meeting Held in the Christian Centre on Tuesday, 25th October 2011

(Key to votes: P: Proposed S: Seconded F: For the Proposal Ag: Against Ab.: Abstained)

Present: Rebecca Stanford (Chair), Richard Carter (Vice Chair), Sarah Penman, Brian Barrow, Stephanie Gill, Mark Wilkinson, 4 Parishioners.

1. **Welcome by Chairman.** Rebecca Stanford welcomed those in attendance and thanked them for attending this special meeting.
2. Apologies and reasons for absence, Clerk (vacation), Jenny Allan (vacation).
3. Declarations of Interest on agenda items (existence and nature)
4. Richard Carter Personal Int.
5. Proposal "For Mr Peter Balaam to clear Horse Pond and cart using two tractors and trailers the spoils to the spare land at the allotments. Total cost per day for all equipment is £675. Total costing to be capped at £1000" (RS)

Richard Carter confirmed that the pond was dry. To delay will allow it to fill up again. Under Financial Regulations 9c we have authority to proceed. Richard Carter and Mark Wilkinson agreed to push out and sort Bulrushes and wood within spoils and to be burnt at Allotments where spoil is to be placed. Mr Balaam was shown a map clearly including the Horse Pond in VG54.

20.15 Ron Couchman arrived and presented letter and quote and left again (due to pers/prej int). Richard Carter read the correspondence presented by Ron Couchman of note; *"The Council's Financial Regulations No 11.1 [c] allow for an application to waive the regulations relating to contracts, to enable a price to be negotiated without competition, provided that the reason is embodied in a recommendation to the Council. As RFO I make such a recommendation in the belief that the price offered by Mr. Balaam is well under any quote that could be obtained commercially"*.

Brian Barrow mentioned the Ash Tree self-seeded near to railings and the removal was to be left to Mr Balaam's discretion if it was hampering the clearance.

P.RS S.RWC F.5 A.0

Richard Carter proposed a vote of thanks to Mark Wilkinson for masterminding all the work at the Mill End pond.

P: Rebecca Stanford "that the sum of £10 be paid for the hire of the upstairs room at the Christian Centre" S:RWC, F:5, A.0.

6. **Date of next Meeting** 14th November 2011 at 7.30pm, Village Hall.

Chairman
Clavering Parish Council

The meeting closed at 20.25