



*Delivering Quality Services to
Coxhoe and Quarrington Hill*

Coxhoe Parish Council

Meeting: Extraordinary Meeting
Date: Wednesday 25th September 2019
Time: 6.00pm
Venue: Coxhoe Village Hall

Councillors Present: S Dunn (Chair), B Hepplewhite, W Lavelle, K Lowes, K Pounder, K Simpson and C Thirlaway.

Also present: P Dodsworth, Chair and N Dodsworth, Secretary of Coxhoe Village Hall Association; six members of the public; C Llewelyn (Parish Clerk).

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To note apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors C Thirlaway, A Hedley and D Brown.

RESOLVED apologies were noted.

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Declarations of interest in items on the agenda

No interests were declared.

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Coxhoe Village Hall Lift

The Chair asked the Chair of the Village Hall Association to speak.

The Clerk upon request gave information on declaring interests.

Cllr Hepplewhite declared an interest as a member of Coxhoe History Group.

The Chair of the Village Hall Association said that they have been wishing for some time to improve accessibility; a structural engineer has looked at locations and the Association was seeking approval for one location only.

Questions were raised by residents about the location, the Committee, the long-term future of the Hall, and the potential effects on any future funding applications. A resident expressed concerns about groups being asked to move upstairs. Residents asked questions about the ambitions for the hall and whether there had been consultation with user groups. Councillors discussed the lease, the Committee, equalities legislation and the amount being contributed by this installation. Residents raised safety concerns. The Village Hall Committee chair said they have considered safety concerns with building control.

The Clerk gave advice on equalities legislation.

The Clerk gave information to Councillors about declarations of interest contained in the Code of Conduct.

It was proposed and seconded to agree to the Village Hall Association's request to

install a lift in the location they suggest, from the reading room, which could be reversed if funding for an extension including a lift was achieved.

It was counter proposed that consideration of the lift be deferred by approximately four to five months to give time for the old and new committee members to work together on a larger funding bid.

A vote was taken on the first proposal. It was **RESOLVED** that the parish council permits, under the terms of the lease, the Village Hall Association to install a lift in the location they suggest.

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Date and time of next ordinary meeting

Wednesday 2nd October 2019 at 6.00pm in Coxhoe Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 6.55pm.

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CHAIR

DATE