



**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF SOPLEY PARISH COUNCIL
CALLED FOR BY CHAIRMAN SHUTLER**

**HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 23RD MAY 2018 AT 7.00 P.M. IN
SOPLEY PARISH HALL, PRIEST'S LANE, SOPLEY.**

Present: Chairman Shutler, Clerk Katie Hughes, Cllr Hill, Cllr Rawstron, Cllr Eccles, Cllr Emmel, Cllr Liberty-Spark and 2 Parishioners.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Cllr Smedley.

The Clerk confirmed that the meeting was quorate, and the only declaration of interest was that of the Clerk Katie Hughes. She brought to the attention of those attending that she was also Treasurer for the Sopley Parish Hall Committee. She stated that at this meeting she would be taking minutes and have no input.

1. To review the Parish Council's expenditure and budget setting for the current financial year and beyond to consider the possibility of making an unplanned, one-off capital investment in Sopley Parish Hall refurbishment.

It was discussed in depth by all Council Members and it was decided the recent CIL funds received from NFDC of £16,866.24 would be donated to the Sopley Parish Hall Committee for this refurbishment.

£500 precept monies would also be transferred to the Sopley Parish Hall Committee. £10,000 has already been transferred in May 2018.

The shortfall on the report presented at the meeting was £11,350.12 which the Council unanimously agreed to loan the Sopley Parish Hall Committee and would be a loan over 10 years at an interest rate of 1% and paid back monthly once the loan was commenced and monies received by Sopley Parish Hall Committee from Sopley Parish Council.

It was also unanimously agreed that the invoices would be paid by Sopley Parish Council and the VAT reclaimed immediately and the invoice paid back to the Council from Sopley Parish Hall Committee minus the VAT element.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday, 21ST June 2018 at 7.30pm Audit Approval Meeting.

Next Open Council Meeting; 21st July 2018 at 7.00 pm.