Meeting of the Coln Rogers and Coln St. Dennis Parish Council

A meeting of the councillors was held on Tuesday 16th December at Pigeon House

Councillors present

 P.Allen

 M. Carmichael

 G. Mathew

 N. Talbot Rice

Apologies

 N. Dummett

The meeting was called to discuss two items

1. Appointment of Clerk to the council. Whilst Veronica Dean has not ‘formally’ resigned as Clerk, the Deans have now moved away and she has handed over the books and advised that she can no longer act. NTR had approached various people but none had expressed any desire to take on the task. The members talked through all the residents of the four villages. There was no obvious candidate. PA suggested that Sally Black [Sheephouse, Calcot Peak] and Angela Anslow [despite the fact that she lived in Northleach] be sounded out. NTR also agreed to see if Crave Pearson [Calcot Peak] would consider the position. He had also been advised to talk to Livvy Oakley [No 3 Calcot].

NTR agreed to sound out all these names

It was agreed that it would be important to have a volunteer local and that we would not want to use a ‘professional’ secretary for practical and cost reasons

It was noted that it would be improper for any Council Member to take minutes on a regular basis.

PA asked what remuneration we could offer. It was agreed that we would not wish to pay a ‘salary’ but that we were prepared to reimburse costs, which could include Broad-band access, postage, stationary, etc. VD had been reimbursed to c £175 p.a. which figure is used in the PC budget for the forthcoming year.

All members agreed to consider and sound out any possible candidates.

1. The precept application from CDC had now been received and needed addressing. ND had presented a draft budget which included the costs of servicing the loan to the Village Hall. The budget was carefully considered and it was felt that no major expenditure was likely, but that a small increase was justified due, in part, to ongoing costa for the Village Hall loan servicing and it was agreed that a £100 [5%] increase on the £2000 level set for 2014/2015 would be applied for – a total of £2100, before the Local Council Tax Support Grant Award. This amounted to £14.52 for a Band D property.

It was agreed that it was the Councillors role to determine the precept and accordingly NTR undertook to fill in the application form forthwith.

1. No other business was discussed and the meeting was closed.