Clopton Village Hall Committee Meeting

Thursday 14 September 2023

Clopton VH 7.30pm

Special meeting to consider upgrading the heating system

1 Members present, apologies

John Dawson, Diana Dawson, David Hayhow, Della Hughes, Julie Gittoes

and Pete Raffell, Chair of Clopton Parish Council

2 Funding opportunity from East Suffolk

See https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/news/east-suffolk-rural-business-and-community-hub-fund/

80% funding is available with 10% contribution in kind possible, leaving 10% cash to find

3 Option to replace the oil-fired heating system with a heat pump system

See quotes table

Quotes have been obtained over a number of years to replace oil heating with heat pump system:

Greenscape - Air to water system – heat hall and side rooms with replaced larger radiators which doesn't give the option of air conditioning

Sapphire – part system to heat only the hall – side rooms would need separate arrangements Climatech – air source in hall with separate ducted system for side rooms – added up to an expensive option

CN Plumbing – air source – multi split system – outside unit separately connected to hall and rooms individually controllable. Wall mounted units and trunking fitted inside the hall.

4 Running cost implications

Discussion followed around comparable costs oil to air source, more information is required for an accurate comparison – though will be helped by additional insulation

5 Insulation upgrade

It was suggested to obtain a quote to upgrade insulation in the hall – this may be an area where in kind effort could be used

6 Recommendation to Parish Council? Funding bid?

It was felt very short time to prepare a bid to meet the first round deadline at the end of September

7 Any other issues

Many questions involving more technical details needed to learn more about CN quote. A visit to see a working installation of air source heating would be useful to gauge noise levels of internal and external fans and ease of control adjustment.

8 Date of next regular meeting

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