

An extra meeting of the Council was held in the committee room at the Village Hall on Wednesday 28th January 2015 at 4.30pm. Chairman Cllr Garland.

Present: Cllrs Brown, Duffin, Frost, Garland, Mason, and Ostler. Cllr Wellman was absent.

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from Cllr Turner who was on holiday. Cllr Pratt was unaware of the meeting as he was on holiday when the summons was issued.
2. **Adoption of Minutes:** It was resolved unanimously to adopt the minutes of the regular January 2014 meeting (proposed Cllr Ostler, seconded Cllr Mason).
3. **Matters arising:** none.
4. **Pecuniary or other interests.** No requests for dispensation or declarations of interest were received.
5. **Salt spreader:** The Council’s machine has consistently failed to operate properly ever since it was purchased in November 2011, causing much frustration and wasted time for the Snow Wardens, who have not always been able to do salting runs when it was necessary. The vendors will not accept any responsibility nor will the manufacturer’s agents.

It has not been possible to get the manufacturers or suppliers to offer any assistance or suggestions on how to fix it.

Cllr Garland presented a replacement model for consideration by the Council, costing approximately £2,700. Cllr Knight can offer up to £1,000 of his locality fund to purchase it. It was resolved unanimously to purchase a Magnum 575 gritter subject to confirmation that the moving parts are non-corrodable, and taking up references from two purchasers (proposed Cllr Duffin, seconded Cllr Frost).

There is a possibility that another parish council may take it on to repair. Councillors agreed that it could be offered as seen, and the other Council asked to make an acceptable donation if it can be made to work.

6. **AOB:** none

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 5.16 p.m.

Signed Chairman

Date