

Report of the Clerk

1. Boiler Council Office: The boiler broke down during the holiday period and the clerk managed to get a local plumber to repair the boiler. In view of the boiler's age (approximately 15 years old) he asked for an honest opinion to the condition. The plumber pointed out that the fan unit had seized and that he had managed to free it but this may only be temporary. He pointed out that:

- The cost of the fan unit to replace is £160.00 for the fan plus installation cost plus vat.
- The main gas valve is making strange noises again an expensive component to replace.
- The life expectancy of a combi-boiler is 10 years so we have done well with the existing boiler.
- That the cost of installing a new boiler and a thermostat is approximately £1500.00 + vat.

The cost of calling out the plumber and replacement of worn out components could in the long term prove more expensive. The best solution would be to fit a new boiler and with the introduction of a thermostat coupled with the radiator valves savings on the fuel bills could be achieved as the current system is quite wasteful due to the lack of thermostat.