

Minutes & Proceedings of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting

Held at the Community Centre Monday 8th January 2018

Present Cllr D, North (Chair) Cllr P Ford (vice chair), C, Barnett, D, Dyson, J Giles, K Wicks, B Lee, P Makinson, J Walker, (Clerk).

85. Apologies for absence were received from

86. Minutes of the previous meeting, held Monday 11th December 2017 were read.

87. Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.

37 D. Cllr R Booker said the route to school footpath is very uneven and tree roots are lifting the tarmac. The chair said he would speak to the school to discuss what can be done regarding the trees. The chair said he has enquired but received no response yet.

It was agreed that the Parish Council should write to Shafton Primary Academy. To put on record its communications regarding the trip hazards along the walk to school. Which runs along the rear Boundary of Shafton Primary Academy.

The clerk wrote to Shafton Primary Academy on 11th October 2017 and the chair has visited the school on at least three occasions. Despite our best efforts to open discussions on this matter The Academy hasn't responded in any way. The clerk was asked to write again to the academy. The clerk suggested putting the matter into the hands of the ward councillors.

The meeting agreed to write to the chair of governors if we hadn't received a response by the end of this week.

A letter has been received from Shafton Primary Academy regarding damage caused to the footpath. This is in reply to our second letter dated 16th November 2017. The letter asks that The Parish Council confirms it will be willing to sort out the tarmacking if they remove the trees. The chair said The Parish Council agreed to maintain the footpath when it was originally surfaced.

74 D. Cllr P Makinson asked if Tucker & Son had a new agreement with VOSA regarding lorry movements. The clerk was asked to contact VOSA to enquire.

The clerk will ask if they have made changes to their operator's license.

88. Ratification of the minutes of the previous meeting.

88 A. Proposed ratification Cllr P Ford seconded by Cllr P Makinson. The minutes of the F & G meeting held on 11th December 2017 are ratified.

89. Accounts for payment.

89 A. Cheques to the total value of £1837.88 were approved for signing. Cheques were signed by Cllrs D North, P Ford and the clerk J Walker.

90. Monthly Statement of Accounts.

90 A. The clerk produced a statement of Receipts and Payments up to and including the month of December 2017. Cheques were made payable to: - SYPA, ex clerks pension £77.79. Shafton Darby & Joan, Christmas lunch £100.00. BACS Transfer was made to BMBC, grounds maintenance £395.09. Total expenditure for December 2017 £3747.21. Total income for December 2017 £3542.52. Members accepted the figures and the clerk was thanked accordingly.

91. Correspondence.

91 A. Received the monthly invoice from SYPA for the ex-clerks pension of £77.79.

91 B. A letter has been received from Shafton Primary Academy regarding damage caused to the footpath. This is in reply to our second letter dated 16th November 2017. (See 37 D above)

91 C. Received from British Gas. The gas bill for the period 1st October to 31st December 2017. For the sum of £427.42 incl vat.

91 D. Received from first impressions two estimates as follows: -

Supply and maintain 14No summer hanging baskets at a cost of £55.00 + vat per basket.

Total £924.00 incl vat.

Supply and fit 1No bracket £25.00 + vat. Supply and maintain 1No summer hanging basket £55.00 + vat. Each additional hanging basket will be £96.00 incl vat.

92. Any other business.

92 A. Cllr D Dyson said a suitable PAT test machine will cost £240.00. Cllr P Ford proposed that The Parish Council buy a machine and that Shafton Club will be able to use it in lieu of costs for the driveway lights. Cllr B Lee seconded the proposal. The meeting voted unanimously in favour.

92 B. Cllr P Ford said the bowling green cabin is getting worse. The meeting agreed when the weather improves we will ask John to strip the end and replace the boards.

92 C. The clerk reminded the meeting that they will need to look at charges for the coming year at the next finance meeting.

93. Date of next meeting. 5th February 2018 at 07.00pm.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 08.00pm.