

Minutes & Proceedings of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting

Held at the Community Centre Monday 10th July 2017

Present Cllr D, North (Chair) Cllrs C, Barnett, R, Booker, D, Dyson, J Giles, K Wicks, B Lee, P Makinson, J Walker, (Clerk)

30. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr P Ford.

31. Minutes of the previous meeting, held Monday 5th June 2017 were read.

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

28 G. Cllr P Makinson said our benefactor has asked about hanging baskets which they would fund. I have spoken to C Donovan she said they cost £55.00 per basket, for the supply, planting and watering. The chair said we need to check if the brackets are included in that. BMBC said our brackets aren't safe and everything has to go through BMBC.

Cllr P Makinson said that fourteen baskets have been put up and he has the invoices to pass onto the benefactor. Following discussions with BMBC regarding the suitability of the brackets and the banding used to fix them the benefactor said get them put up and I will pay the cost. There are another fourteen baskets to go up making twenty eight in total. The benefactor will pay for twenty and the Parish Council will pay for the other eight. The chair said it is getting late in the year now for putting baskets up this needs to be planned earlier in the year. Cllr P Makinson said the company that supplies and puts them up has offered to attend our meetings to discuss requirements for next year. Cllr R Booker said
we

need to budget for them, were cutting back on cleaning and staff. We should have a plan of what we're spending on. Cllr P Makinson said he rang last week to tell them to put them up.

33. Ratification of the minutes of the previous meeting.

33 A. Proposed ratification Cllr D Dyson seconded by Cllr J Giles. The minutes of the previous meeting are ratified.

34. Accounts for payment.

34 A. Cheques to the total value of £2304.09 were approved for signing. Cheques were signed by Cllrs D North and R Booker.

35. Monthly Statement of Accounts.

35 A. The clerk produced a statement of Receipts and Payments up to and including the month of 30th June 2017. Direct debits are – British Gas, gas supply £174.49. Total direct debits £174.79. Card payments were made to; - KDA warehouse £23.98, Cartridge Plus £16.00. Total expenditure for June 2017 £4584.82. Total income for June 2017 £3994.91. Members accepted the figures and the clerk was thanked accordingly.

36. Correspondence.

36 A. Received from BMBC the monthly update of electors.

36 B. Received the monthly invoice from SYPA for the ex-clerks pension of £77.79.

36 C. Received information from C0-Operative bank. Confirming we are covered by Financial Services Compensation Scheme up to the sum of £85.000.

36 D. Received the grounds maintenance invoice from BMBC for the sum of £395.08 incl vat.

36. Correspondence. (continued)

36 E. Received an invoice from G Lawton for replacement of taps to kitchen sink, for the sum of £127.79 incl vat.

36 F. Received bank transfer advice from HMRC for the VAT refund of £2739.91.

37. Any other business.

37 A. Cllr C Barnett said the fly tipping on the footpath leading to Engine Lane Close is still there.

37 B. Cllr C Barnett asked, what the correct procedure is when BMBC staff cut up litter on the verges. The clerk said they are supposed to litter pick before they cut the grass.

37 C. The clerk reported that the caretaker and cleaner have now signed their revised contracts of employment.

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.

37 E. Both the Play Group and Playworks have refused entry to maintenance workers. Cllr C Barnett will speak to the Play Group and the clerk will speak to Playworks.

37 F. Cllr P Makinson said the Virgin Media public event has been arranged for July 18th at Shafton Working Mens Club.

38. Date of next meeting. 7th August 2017 at 07.00pm.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 08.10pm.