

Minutes & Proceedings of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting

Held at the Community Centre Monday 5th June 2017

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

21. Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs B Lee and C Barnett.

22. Minutes of the previous meeting, held Monday 8th May 2017 were read.

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

8 F. The clerk was asked to write to Mr Shaw informing him that The Parish are terminating his allotment tenancy. Due to failure to comply with requests to remove sheds.

The clerk has written to Mr Shaw to terminate his tenancy on Wednesday 31st May 2017.

17 A. Cllr C Barnett said that looking at the unaudited statement the clerk gave us at the Annual Parish Meeting we are spending more that we get in. The first five items on the list wipe out the precept. Also I don't think we are getting value for what we are paying to clean the community centre. I have asked The Play Group if they would be prepared to do their own cleaning and they said they already do. If each group did their own cleaning we could save the cost of employing a cleaner. The chair said we would have to put it to the two groups and explain that this would save money for them and us. Cllr C Barnett proposed that we put it to the two groups that they clean at the end of each session which would mean there wouldn't be an increase in rental charges this financial year. The proposal was seconded by Cllr P Ford. The meeting voted unanimously in favour of the proposal. The proposal is carried. The user subcommittee will speak to both groups.

The Chair said he has spoken to Heather and she said she can't see it working. She has proposed that she will continue to clean as she does now for a reduced wage of £100.00 per month. The meeting agreed to discuss in any other business.

24. Ratification of the minutes of the previous meeting.

24 A. Proposed ratification Cllr P Ford seconded by Cllr K Wicks. The minutes of the previous meeting are ratified.

25. Accounts for payment. Cheques to the total value of £4000.09 were approved for signing. Cheques were signed by Cllrs D North and P Ford.

26. Monthly Statement of Accounts. The clerk produced a statement of Receipts and Payments up to and including the month of May 2017. Direct debits are: - Yorkshire water community centre £297.05. British Gas electricity supply £352.72. Card payments were made to: - B&Q £49.00 anti-climb paint, New Venture products £52.90 white line paint, Machine Mart £179.98 strimmer. Total expenditure for May 2017 £3802.64. Total income for May 2017 £640.00. Members accepted the figures and the clerk was thanked accordingly.

27. Correspondence.

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

27 B. Consultation re planning application 2017/0744 erection of a two storey side extension to 3 Park View Shafton. No observations or comments.

27 C. Information from seafarers UK regarding merchant navy day which is on September 3rd 2017.

27 D. Electricity bill from British Gas £352.72.

28. Any other business.

28 A. The chair said the lintels we placed on Sandy Bridge Lane have been stolen. Mr Croft came to report them missing and offered to put rocks there as a temporary measure, until we sort out some planters. A fridge has been fly tipped their which has been reported to D Gill.

28 B. The chair said he has spoken to BMBC staff again about the car on the verge at the bottom of Dog Hill. They assured him they are dealing with it.

28 C. Cllr D Dyson said he has looked at the CCTV monitor and it is 15 years old. A new monitor from Curry's is £70.00. Cllr P Makinson proposed that the Parish should write and ask for him to replace the monitor. And request a response within 14 days. Cllr P Ford seconded the proposal the meeting agreed unanimously.

28 D. Cllr P Ford asked what type of planters do we need for Sandy Bridge Lane. Cllr P Makinson said heavy wooden ones. I know someone who could make them out of wood. Cllr J Giles said she had a large plastic container that may be suitable. The chair said he would look to see if they are suitable.

28 E. The chair said regarding the parking issues of The High Street I have spoken to Berneslai Homes who said that BMBC have stopped the environmental budget.

28 F. Cllr P Makinson said following Cllr C Barnett's comments regarding our staffs' pensions at the last meeting. Can I have the information so I can see if we can change them to a work place pension? The clerk said the staff have to request to leave the pension scheme. The clerk will email the information to Cllr Makinson.

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.

28 H. The clerk said we need to look at the caretakers' contract because he has been taken off a permanent contract and put on a fixed term contract. Cllr P Makinson asked has he signed the new contract. The clerk said he has but he wasn't consulted prior to the changes. The meeting agreed the contract should be rewritten to amend this.

28 I. Cllr P Ford said if we accept Heathers proposal to clean for £100.00 it will cost them £192.50 per month but the other group won't pay anymore. Cllr D Dyson said we agreed, if they agreed to both do the cleaning there would be no increase in the charges and if they didn't agree we would put the charges up. Cllr P Makinson said put a session charge on, £1.00 or £2.00 per session. Cllr P Ford proposed that Heathers proposal is accepted and leave the charges as they are. Then have a better look at the groups charges later in the year in preparation for next year. Cllr P Makinson seconded the proposal the meeting agreed the proposal is carried.

29. Date of next meeting. 10th July 2017 at 07.00pm.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 08.30pm.