

Minutes & Proceedings of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting

Held at the Community Centre Monday 8th May 2017

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

11. Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs P Makinson and J Giles.

12. Minutes of the previous meeting, held Monday 10th April 2017 were read.

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

8 E. The clerk was asked to purchase white lining paint for the car park and anti-climb paint.

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 terminate his tenancy on Wednesday 31st May 2017.

14. Ratification of the minutes of the previous meeting.

Proposed ratification Cllr P Ford seconded by Cllr D Dyson. The minutes of the previous meeting are ratified.

15. Accounts for payment. Cheques to the total value of £2409.14 were approved for signing.

Cheques were signed by Cllrs D North, P Ford and R Booker.

16. Monthly Statement of Accounts. The clerk produced a statement of Receipts and Payments up to and including the month of April 2017. One direct debit payment was made to British Gas for gas supply £499.79. Cheques were made payable to SYPA ex clerks pension £76.31, Play Works vac repair £30.00. Card payments were made to, KDA warehouse for cleaning sundries £26.30, Motosave for a puncture repair £7.99, Shaws Waste for skip hire £200.00, Russells for mower mover £254.40, Norton security £70.00.

Total expenditure for April 2017 £4236.66. Total income for April 2017 £363.58.

Members accepted the figures and the clerk was thanked accordingly.

17. User Group Charges Review.

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.

18. Correspondence.

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

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

18 C. Letter from Sarah Hubbard of BMBC fostering team. Requesting that we contact their office.

18 D. Letter from Lee Hatfield to confirm that he is giving up the tenancy of his allotment plot.

18 E. Information from BMBC regarding the local council governance review.

19. Any other business.

19 A. Cllr C Barnett said the water heater in the boys' toilet is broken.

19 B. Cllr C Barnett said we need to keep an eye on what the caretaker is doing during the afternoons. Cllr P Ford said we ought to give him a weekly job sheet. The chair said they need to use their own initiative.

19 C. The chair said we need to find out what the caretaker is planning regarding retirement.

19 D. Cllr C Barnett said user groups on the astro turf should pay in advance and open up and lock up themselves. The chair said they would go elsewhere if we did that.

19 E. Cllr R Booker said we need a sub group to sort out what we are going to do about the astro turf before winter.

19 F. Cllr C Barnett asked if we could opt out of the pension and join a less expensive one. The clerk said the employees have to request to leave the pension scheme.

20. Date of next meeting. 5th June 2017 at 07.00pm.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 08.35pm.