

Minutes & Proceedings of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting

Held at the Community Centre Monday 9th July 2018.

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

28. Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs B Lee, R Booker.

29. Minutes of the previous meeting, held Monday 11th June 2018 were read.

30. 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.

It was agreed to get estimates for the resurfacing works before contacting the academy again.

It was agreed to write to the academy and the school governors to see if we can arrange a meeting with representatives of the academy to discuss the footpath and substation.

Reply received from Mr A Ravenscroft on 13th March 2018.

The tree removal has been booked in for the 24 March 2018. Apologies for not getting back to you sooner but I've only just been made aware of this date. That will just leave the path to sort out once the removal has taken place. I'm quite happy for a representative of the parish council to come in and meet me and agree a way forward for the path. We could also discuss the substation.

I agree that this needs sorting and I have chased this up time and again with the academy sponsors - the AET. They have been contacted again and someone should be on site next week.

Following on from the reply it is noted that nothing has happened. The clerk was asked to seek health and safety advice from BMBC. The clerk will contact the school again for an update.

The Academy have replied, saying that the contractor was ill on 24th March 2018 so the work will have to be rescheduled.

The clerk was asked to write to the ward councillors to ask if they can make any progress on these issues. Cllr D Higginbottom is looking into these issues.

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.

It was agreed that the clerk would submit a complaint form to the traffic commissioner.

A complaint form has been completed and sent to The Traffic Commissioner.

The clerk was asked to ask for an update "9th July 2018.

31. Ratification of the minutes of the previous meeting.

31 A. Proposed ratification Cllr D Dyson seconded by Cllr J Giles the minutes of the F & G meeting held on Monday 11th June 2018 are ratified.

32. Accounts for payment. Cheques to the total value of £1692.86 were approved for signing. Cheques were signed by Cllrs D North and P Ford.

33. Monthly Statement of Accounts. The clerk produced a statement of Receipts and Payments up to and including the month of June 2018. Cheques: - SYPA ex clerks pension £82 25. Card payments: - FISCO mower service £223.25, Tesco shredder £20.00. Cash payments: - KDA refuse sacks £4.48. Tesco mower petrol £23.46, Intake five mower petrol £22.11, B&Q wd-40 £5.40, Allotment maintenance £45.00, Audit recorded postage £2.11. Salaries and PAYE £2075.35. Admin £40.00. Travel and parking £46.50. Total expenditure for June 2018 £2589.91. Total income for June 2018 £1070.57. Members accepted the figures and the clerk was thanked accordingly.

34. Correspondence.

34 A. Received the monthly invoice from SYPA for the ex-clerks pension of £82.25.

35 B. Invoice from BMBC first instalment for grounds maintenance £406.93 incl VAT.

36. Any other business.

36 A. The chair said the timesheets we are using aren't very good so we need to look at getting different ones. Cllr P Makinson said they have some at the club which could be used.

36 B. Cllr P Makinson reported that he has had reports that someone is living in a caravan on land off Sandybridge lane.

36 C. Cllr D Dyson reported that a sign has been put up at the bottom of Dog Hill advertising pet cremation service.

36 D. The chair reported that the hanging baskets were disappointing and that he isn't happy with where they are. Cllr K Wicks said someone has been out and moved some to the required locations. The clerk reported that we have not received a revised invoice and will chase this up.

Date of next meeting. Monday 6th August 2018 at 07.00pm.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 08.25pm.