

Minutes & Proceedings of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting

Held at the Community Centre Monday 10th September 2018

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

44. Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs C Barnett, J Giles and P Makinson.

45. Minutes of the previous meeting, held Monday 6th August 2018 were read.

46. 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. The ward Cllrs have reported back that as the academy is a private company they have nothing to do with it.

The clerk was asked to write to Mr Ravenscroft and the school governors' again to ask what they have planned to resolve the issues.

42 A. Cllr P Ford said although Sandybridge Lane has been resurfaced there are no road markings on it. The clerk was asked to contact BMBC highways to ask when the lining will be done.

42 B. Cllr P Ford suggested installing solar panels on the community centre to reduce the energy costs. Cllr P Makinson said he has contact with an installer and would get a business card.

47. Ratification of the minutes of the previous meeting.

47 A. Proposed ratification Cllr P Ford seconded by Cllr D Dyson the minutes of the F & G meeting held on 6th August 2018 are ratified.

48. Accounts for payment. Cheques to the total value of £1612.35 were approved for signing. Cheques were signed by Cllrs D North and P Ford.

49. Monthly Statement of Accounts. The clerk produced a statement of Receipts and Payments up to and including the month of August 2018. Direct debits are – £86.11 Yorkshire water rates. Cheques were made payable to: - SYPA ex clerks pension £82.25, Direct marketing hi vis vests £39.60, Cleaner £81.59. Card payments were made to: - Amazon CCTV 300.33. Cash payments: - Deacons padlock & keys £6.59, Grounds maintenance £30.00KDA warehouse £16.78, Intake 5 petrol £30.43. Total expenditure for August 2018 £5889.54. Total income for August 2018 £1301.70 Members accepted the figures and the clerk was thanked accordingly.

50. Correspondence.

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

50 B. Application from a member of the parish to be put on allotments waiting list.

50 C. Two planning applications N^o 2018/0982 and 2018/1110 details of which can be found at www.barnsley.gov.uk/planningexplorer

50 D. Received the monthly update of electors from BMBC electoral services.

51. Any other business.

51 A. Cllr P Ford declared an interest in this item, due to relationship with one of the quotes employees Two quotes have been received for works to paint the fence which runs along the route to school footpath.

The two quotes are:

Quote one,

26 panels, to clean prepare and paint both sides

1coat £970 + £115 for paint £1085

2coats £1500 + paint £172 £1672

Quote two,

Scrape and prepare railings.

1 coat £1240 +£160 for paint £1400.

Didn't quote for 2 coats.

Cllr R Booker proposed that the meeting accept quote one, Cllr D Dyson seconded the proposal. The meeting voted unanimously in favour of the proposal.

51 B. Cllr D North reported that the management of Highgate Surgery will be attending the next public Meeting. Which is scheduled for 24th September 2018.

52. Date of next meeting. 8th October 2018 at 07.00pm.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 07.50pm.