

Minutes & Proceedings of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting

Held at the Community Centre Monday 8th October 2018

Present Cllr D, North (Chair) C, Barnett, R, Booker, D, Dyson, J Giles, P Makinson, J Walker, (Clerk)

53. Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs B Lee, K Wicks and P Ford.

54. Minutes of the previous meeting, held Monday 10th September 2018 were read.

55. 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.

08/10/2018. The clerk has contacted the school again but received no response. The chair will visit the school again tomorrow.

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.

56. Ratification of the minutes of the previous meeting.

56 A. Proposed ratification Cllr D Dyson seconded by Cllr R Booker. The minutes of the F & G meeting held on Monday 10th September 2018 are ratified.

57. Accounts for payment. Cheques to the total value of £1184.52 were approved for signing. Cheques were signed by Cllrs D North and R Booker.

58. Monthly Statement of Accounts. The clerk produced a statement of Receipts and Payments up to and including the month of September 2018. Cash payments: - Annual gas service £60.00, Deacons hose & sprinkler £24.56, Padlock £3.59, Gloss paint £9.96.
Total expenditure for September 2018 £2232.22. Total income for September 2018 £320.00.
Members accepted the figures and the clerk was thanked accordingly.

59. Correspondence.

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

59 B. Received the invoice from PKF Littlejohn LLP external auditors for the value of £360.00 incl vat.

59 C. Planning application N^o 2018/1199 which can be viewed at www.barnsley.gov.uk/planningexplorer

59 D. Invoice for the purchase of bowling green fertilizer, for the value of £222.84.

59 E. Business gas bill from British Gas for the period 1st July to 30th Sept for the value of £93.17.

60. Any other business.

60 A. Planning application N^o 2018/1199 no comments or issues raised.

61. Date of next meeting. 5th November 2018 at 07.00pm.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 08.15pm.