

Minutes & Proceedings of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting

Held at the Community Centre Monday 11th February 2019

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

90. Apologies for absence were received from: - Cllrs J Giles, P Makinson,

91. Minutes of the previous meeting, held Monday 7th January 2019 were read.

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

77 E. Received estimate from First Impressions for the supply and maintenance of 23N_o summer hanging baskets. Estimated cost of £1265.00 plus VAT at 20%. Total estimate £1518.00.

It was proposed & seconded to accept the estimate for the hanging baskets. The meeting voted unanimously in favour of the proposal. Members of the council will contact First Impressions to arrange a meeting regarding locations of the baskets.

88 B. A member suggested that the Parish Council carry out repairs to the fence at the front of The Singing Man. The chair said we can have a look to see if our staff are able to do the work.

93. Ratification of the minutes of the previous meeting.

93 A. Proposed ratification Cllr R Booker seconded by Cllr K Wicks the minutes of the F & G meeting held Monday 7th January 2019 are ratified.

94. Accounts for payment. Cheques to the total value of £3636.34 were approved for signing. Cheques were signed by Cllrs D North and P Ford.

95. Monthly Statement of Accounts. The clerk produced a statement of Receipts and Payments up to and including the month of January 2019. Direct debits are –British Gas, £386.36 gas supply. British Gas £303.14 electricity supply. Yorkshire Water £318.37 allotment water rates. BMBC £ 3030.00 Christmas motifs erection. Total direct debits £4037.87.

Total expenditure for January 2019 £6713.45. Total income for 2019 £401.59.

Members accepted the figures and the clerk was thanked accordingly.

96. Charges and pay review.

96 A. Cllr CB declare interest in the play group and bowling club. Cllr DN declared an interest in the bowling club.

96 B. Following a discussion where it was said that the Play Group and Playworks are carrying out appraisals due to declining numbers. It was proposed by Cllr R Booker that the hire charges and rents for all user groups remain at the previous years rates. The proposal was seconded by Cllr P Ford. The chair asked if there were any amendments to this proposal. None were given. The meeting voted unanimously in favour of the proposal.

96 C. The national minimum wage hourly rate will increase on 1st April 2019 from £7.83 to £8.21 per hour. This is an increase of 4.86% which will be applied to the cleaner and caretaker from 1st April 2019. It was agreed that the clerk would receive an increase of 3%.

97. Precept 2019/2020.

97 A. It was proposed by Cllr R Booker that the precept be increased by 2% to keep in line with inflation the proposal was seconded by Cllr C Barnett. The chair asked if there were any amendments to this proposal. None were given. The meeting voted unanimously in favour of the proposal.

98. Correspondence.

98 A. Received from BMBC register of electors – notice of alteration to register.

98 B. Yorkshire Water rates invoice for the community centre, for the value of £94.63.

98 C. Invoice from Boston Seeds for supply of bowling green seed, for the value of £100.99.

98 D. Received the monthly invoice from SYPA for the ex-clerks pension of £82.25.

99. Any other business.

99 A. A user group has requested the use of the community centre on Saturdays, possibly for the full day. The chair said he would discuss with them to ask for more information to establish what they require.

99 B. The clerk reported that prices have been obtained for the purchase of a new scarifying cassette for the bowling green machine. The existing cassette which is 20 years old has worn out. Three prices are £870.00 1^{mm} £890.00 2^{mm} and £1195.00 2^{mm} tungsten tipped. The meeting agreed to buy the 2^{mm} version at £890.00.

100. Date of next meeting. Monday 11th March 2019 at 07.00pm.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 08.10pm.