

Shafton Parish Council
Finance and General Purposes Committee.

Shafton Community Centre.

7pm on Monday 15 August 2022

Minutes

Present Cllr D North (Chair), Cllr R Booker, Cllr P Archer, Cllr Richard Swaby, Cllr James Johnson, Cllr K Wicks, and D Gill, (Clerk)

50. Welcome and introductions

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

51. Apologies for absences.

Apologies were received from Cllr L Holt and Cllr B Lee

52. Declaration of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest.

The Chair declared an interest in the Chair Allowance

53. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held at the Community Centre Held on 7pm on Monday 11 July 2022 were read.

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

24.2 Yellow box junction Pontefract Road

The Chair reported yellow box marking was now reinstated and thanked Cllr Archer for his work.

55. Ratification of the minutes of the previous meeting.

Agreed

56. Accounts for payment.

- South Yorkshire Pensions Ex clerk £94.37

Agreed

57. Monthly statement of accounts.

The Clerk presented the following statements of accounts to the meeting:

- July Bank statement
- July Financial summary
- July Bank Account Reconciled Statement
- July Paid Expenditure Transactions

Financial summary

- The opening balance as at the 1st April 2021 was £47067.48
- The total income for the period from 1 April 2022 to 31 July 2022 was £47996.06
- The total expenditure for the period 1 April 2022 to 31 July was £17444.8
- Giving a closing balance of:
 - Instant access 458.61
 - Direct Plus account of £77160.13
 - **Total £77618.74**

The Chair thanked the Clerk for his work on the Accounts

58. Items for Decision/ recommendations to the council/business matters

58.1 Applications for Co-option of a new Parish Councillor

The Clerk reported the closing date had now passed for applications for the vacancy for a new Co-opted Parish Councillor and he had received two applications.

The meeting discussed the applications; it was proposed that members carry out informal interview of the two applicants on Monday 22 August.

Agreed

58.2 Chairs Allowance

The Chair left the room.

The Clerk reported The Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 (as amended) provide all parish councils with the discretion to introduce allowances schemes whereby a parish basic allowance and travelling and subsistence allowances can be paid to their elected members whether that election was contested.

The setting of the levels of the allowances is open to parish councils to determine after first considering the recommendations of the local independent Remuneration Panel. This is in line with the Government's view that the allowances system provides for clear and transparent local accountability as parish councils, like other local authorities, will be both accountable and answerable to their local communities in terms of the allowance payments made to their members.

Barnsley MBC have an independent remuneration panel, but it does not cover parish councils

Councils must have regard to the advice of the Independent Remuneration Panel, but their recommendations are not binding.

Member discussed the Chairs Allowance

It was proposed that a yearly Chairs Allowance of £200 be given and a yearly travel allowance of £300 be provided for the Chairs special responsibility as the Chair has significant additional responsibilities above their duties as an ordinary Parish Councillor

Agreed

58.3 Pinfold three tier planter

The Clerk reported he had received a quotation from Wybones of £1202.365 for the three-tier planter.

The meeting agreed to purchase the planter.

59. Correspondence.

None

60. Any other business

60.1. Allotments

A discussion took place regarding some allotment holders not complying with the Allotment terms and conditions, Chair to contact the Clerk.

62 . Date and time of next meeting.

Monday 12 September 2022 7 pm Shafton Community Centre.