

Minutes of the meeting of Belbroughton and Fairfield Parish Council Finance Committee held on 9th December 2019 at The Fairfield First School.

Present: Councillors: A Hood, G Ingram, A Mabbett, Dr. R Morgan and, S Nock.

In attendance, the clerk. 0 members of the public.

379/19 Apologies. None.

(However, apologies from Cllr. Homer had been e mailed to the clerk at 7.15p.m. thus during the Planning Committee meeting and the e mail was not seen prior to the Finance Committee.).

380/19 Declarations of interest. None. **381/19 Dispensations.** None requested.

382/19 Minutes of previous meeting.

The minutes of the meeting of 18th November 2019 were approved by the Committee and then signed by the Chairman.

383/19 Bank reconciliation.

The Committee noted the monthly reconciliation carried out by Cllr. Ingram and he duly signed the bank statements and the 'Quickbooks' reconciliation prints for Council records.

The Committee agreed that Cllr. Nock would carry out the next reconciliation procedure at the January 2020 Finance Committee.

384/19 Accounts for Payment.

The clerk circulated the list of items for payment totalling £4,347.80. The Committee authorised the payments. The Committee authorised Cllrs. Mabbett and Hood to confirm the transfer between bank accounts and the electronic payments schedule plus sign the one cheque issued. In addition to the schedule presented gratuities in form of M & S vouchers for £25.00 each were agreed for residents Mr I. Dalziel and Ms K. Cole for their Council work in the prior 12 months in displaying Council information on the parish notice boards.

385/19 Fairfield Villa F.C.

The Committee reviewed the notes from the meeting on 27th November with representatives of the football club and agreed/noted the following:

- a. The carpark potholes were to be repaired within 2 weeks.
- b. The broken lock to barrier has now been attended to by Lengthsman.
- c. A payment of £115.00 being 50% of the cost of the battery replacement for the defibrillator located outside the clubhouse which was open to use by the general public.
- d. Recommended an annual contribution 50% towards re seeding costs of goalmouths in summer since these areas were used by local residents during the year, this would be taken from the maintenance budget.
- e. Agreed that the hedge length of approximately 20 metre alongside the pitch would be reduced, and a contractor would be instructed.

It also referred the following from F.V.F.C. back to full council for consideration:

- a. Request for the negotiations for a renewal of the lease should commence 18 months prior to the expiry of the current lease.
- b. Request for use of clubhouse for community events, since the Fairfield Village Hall was currently fully utilised.
- c. Carpark extension alternatives: F.V.F.C. suggesting usage of grass area adjacent to the entrance lane and a 3 metre extension to existing area.
- d. The Committee noted that F.V.F.C. would be willing to obtain quotes for a hardstanding around the pitch, as a dual purpose for spectators and possible cycling, walking/running track facility. Council should consider whether it would give permission for such installation.
- e. Request to insert concrete goal post sockets.
- f. Request to put up the spectator barriers in Mid-August rather than from the beginning of September.

386/19 Maintenance Work

Cllr. Morgan advised a light was yet to be repaired at Heath End Lane, Bell Heath.

Action: The clerk would chase W.C.C.

Cllr. Nock requested that the collection of leaves remained an issue in Belbroughton albeit Fairfield had had a visit from the District Council with its sweeping/cleaning machinery.

Action: The clerk to thank B.D.C. for attending in Fairfield and request that Belbroughton is also visited a.s.a.p.

387/19 Any other Finance Business

The Committee noted, under advice from Cllr. Morgan that Worcs. Calc was ‘recommending’ an investment with a fund called ‘C.I.C.A.’ currently returning 4.6% p.a. This though was felt to be linked to a property fund and not covered by the F.S.C.Scheme.

Action: The clerk would investigate and report back to the Committee.

The Committee noted that the Council was yet to hear from the contractor with the quotation for the tree replacement scheme and other works on The Green, Belbroughton.

Action: The clerk would chase.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

Signed.....Chairman