

Minutes of the meeting of Belbroughton and Fairfield Parish Council Finance Committee held on 21st October 2019 at The Fairfield First School.

Present: Councillors: A Hood, G Ingram, A Mabbett, R Morgan and, S Nock.
In attendance, the clerk. 0 members of the public.

318/19 Apologies. Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. A Homer.

319/19 Declarations of interest. None. **320/19 Dispensations.** None requested.

321/19 Minutes of previous meeting.

The minutes of the meeting of 16th September 2019 were approved by the Committee and then signed by the Chairman.

322/19 Bank reconciliation.

The Committee noted the monthly reconciliation carried out by Cllr. Mabbett and he duly signed the bank statements and the 'Quickbooks' reconciliation prints for Council records. The Committee agreed that Cllr. Hood would carry out the next reconciliation procedure at the November Finance Committee.

323/19 Accounts for Payment.

The clerk circulated the list of items for payment totalling £4,733.24. The Committee authorised the payments. The Committee authorised Cllrs. Mabbett and Hood to confirm the transfer between bank accounts and the electronic payments schedule.

324/19 Maintenance Work

The Committee agreed to a tidy up of the Badgers Copse, Wildmoor site in the early spring to include removal of fallen dead wood.

Action: the clerk to arrange contractors.

The Committee agreed to examine the new bench sited in the bus shelter adjacent to the church on Stourbridge Rd. Fairfield to assess if it was fit for purpose.

Action: Committee members from Fairfield to assess.

325/19 Parish Council Budget – Year ending 31st March 2021

The Committee assessed the known requirements for the next financial year and agreed a budget recommendation to the full Council. The recommendation included retaining the Precept unchanged at £65,000.

It noted that a number of yet to be costed 'Parish Council Projects' may require a funding allocation. However, these would require to be assessed on a case by case basis as they arose and consideration given to whether they should be funded entirely from reserves, future financial years' Precepts and 'Parish Project' allocated funds or a combination of the three.

Such potential exposures included the Carpark extension at Fairfield Rec. Ground, and further engineering works at Little Bell Hall Pool, Drayton Rd. Belbroughton.

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326/19 Any other Finance Business

The Committee agreed in principle to assist the Worcestershire County Council with the costs of improvements to parts of the footpath from the Belbroughton Rec. to the primary school, to prevent the ingress of mud during heavy rains.

Action: the clerk to liaise with the W.C.C. Countryside Service whose responsibility it is to maintain the footpath and obtain a costing from it for consideration.

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm.

Signed.....Chairman

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