

Minutes of the meeting of Belbroughton and Fairfield Parish Council Finance Committee held on 18th October 2019 at The Jubilee Room Belbroughton Recreation Centre.

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

349/19 Apologies. No apologies.

350/19 Declarations of interest. None. **351/19 Dispensations.** None requested.

352/19 Minutes of previous meeting.

The minutes of the meeting of 21st October 2019 were approved by the Committee and then signed by the Chairman.

353/19 Bank reconciliation.

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

354/19 Accounts for Payment.

The clerk circulated the list of items for payment totalling £5,860.67. The Committee authorised the payments. The Committee authorised Cllrs. Mabbett and Nock to confirm the transfer between bank accounts and the electronic payments schedule.

Cllr. Morgan joined the meeting and apologised for arriving late.

355/19 Investments

The Committee noted the schedule of current cash investments. Further noting, that the next maturing facility was in March 2020 and that the February 2020 Committee would need to consider re-investment.

356/19 Maintenance Work

Cllr. Ingram raised the issue of recent surface water flooding on Fairfield Recreation Ground at the memorial garden.

Cllr. Mabbett advised that the school also had informed him of concerns at the recent water levels. The Committee noted the comments but were aware of the very exceptional rains the previous week. It was known that occasional flash flooding of the general area occurred but despite investigations over a number of years from North Worcs. Water Management (The District Council's experts) there was no obvious solution.

It confirmed that this remains an issue when considering the carpark extension as regards ground works necessary to address the flooding risk.

Cllr. Morgan reported an unlit light at Chapel Lane / Heath End Road junction.

Action: the clerk to report to the W.C.C. Hub.

Cllr. Mabbett requested that pavements across the parish area should have a rolling programme of siding out to ensure adequate widths are maintained.

Action: The clerk to place as an agenda item for the full Council to consider.

Cllr. Mabbett felt that the County Council were not clearing gullies often enough and thought the Parish Council could attend to these with its own contractors.

Action: the clerk to enquire from W.C.C. if the Parish Council could employ its own contractors to do this work when needed.

357/19 Any other Finance Business

Fairfield Recreation Ground carpark

The clerk advised that the potholes were due to be repaired in the next fortnight.

Gardeners / Lengthsman contracts

The clerk on enquiry confirmed that annual contracts are sent out during February.

The Committee noted that it would need to re-assess terms for these contractors by the January Committee.

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm.

Signed.....Chairman