

Minutes of the meeting of Belbroughton and Fairfield Parish Council Finance Committee held on 20th November 2017 at The Jubilee Room Belbroughton Recreation Centre

Present: Councillors: A Mabbett, S Boss, A Hood, P Margetts, Dr R Morgan and, C Scurrall.
In attendance, the clerk 0 members of the public.

345/17 Apologies. Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs J Bradley, S Nock and G Parsons.

346/17 Declarations of interest. None.

347/17 Dispensations. None requested.

348/17 Minutes of previous meeting.

The minutes of the meeting of 16th October 2017 were approved by the Committee and were signed by the Chairman.

349/17 Bank reconciliation.

Cllr. Margetts undertook the bank reconciliation for the Council's operational bank account, he duly signed the bank statements and the 'Quickbooks' reconciliation prints. The Committee agreed that Cllr. Hood would carry out the next reconciliation procedure at the December Finance Committee.

350/17 Accounts for Payment.

The clerk circulated the list of items for payment totalling £4,386.64, these included the Capital Grant of £500 to the Fairfield Village Hall to assist with the purchase of a projector. The Committee authorised the payments and Cllrs. Mabbett and Scurrall agreed to sign the cheques.

351/17 Bench in Fairfield

The Committee agreed to fund the purchase and installation of a bench to be located in the bus shelter opposite the Swan P.H. on the Stourbridge Rd. Fairfield. The Committee noting that the County Council had now advised that this was permissible. A 'street furniture' application would be required as confirmation.

The Committee also agreed to fund a further bench to be located on Holy Cross Lane, Belbroughton at the site of the former B.T. telephone box. The committee noting that the County Council had advised that this would be permissible, and that it was in receipt of a formal 'street furniture' application from the Parish Council.

Action: the clerk to liaise with Cllrs. Mabbett and Margetts respectively for each bench.

352/17 Budget 2018/19

a. The Committee noted the budget for the year ending 31st March 2019 and recommendations from the 'Working Group'. This including the usage of Parish Council reserves for the playground improvements at the Belbroughton Recreation Centre (already approved by Council) and, for the Car park extension works at Fairfield Recreation Ground.

It agreed the budget and in line with Financial Regulations recommends it to the full Council for consideration.

The Committee noted the costs of the clerk's pension scheme and requested that information be sought on the options and legal position for a possible exiting of the Worcestershire County Council Pension Scheme.

b. The Committee would recommend to the full Council that the Precept for 2018/19 should be unchanged at £65,000.

353/17 Maintenance works.

Cllr. Margetts requested that a cherry tree at Dark Lane was reduced.

Action: the clerk would seek the necessary permission from Bromsgrove District Council tree officer.

Cllr. Boss requested that vegetation along the Drayton Rd was tidied.

Action: Photos of the areas needing attention would be produced by Cllr. Boss and the Lengthsman or other contractor would be asked to attend.

354/17 Other Finance Business.

Cllr. Mabbett advised that the Traffic Calming Working Group had met 14th November and one of the actions agreed was to request funding for six 'camera warning' plate signs for locating in Hartle Lane Belbroughton. The Committee agreed to fund these at a cost of up to £35 each. The positioning of these would need to be agreed and also the permission sought from the County Council.

Action: The clerk would make enquiries with W.C.C.

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

Signed.....Chairman