

Minutes of the meeting of Belbroughton and Fairfield Parish Council Finance Committee held on 16th October 2017 at The Fairfield First School

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

313/17 Apologies. None. **314/17 Declarations of interest.** None.

315/17 Dispensations. None requested.

316/17 Minutes of previous meeting.

The minutes of the meeting of 18th September 2017 were approved by the Committee and were signed by the Chairman.

317/17 Bank reconciliation.

Cllr. Hood 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. Margetts would carry out the next reconciliation procedure at the November Finance Committee.

318/17 Accounts for Payment.

The clerk circulated the list of items for payment totalling £4,492.72
The Committee authorised the payments and Cllrs. Mabbett and Morgan agreed to sign the cheques.

319/17 Budget 2018/19.

The Committee noted that the budget Working Group, cllrs. Mabbett, Morgan, Nock and Scurrall, would meet 7th November and it would address potential capital spend items, as advised by members along with the 'business as usual' spending requirements for 2018/19. It would report budget options to the November Finance committee for consideration.

320/17 Investments.

The Committee noted the circulated list of present cash investments held, and decided not to change any of the investments.

321/17 Maintenance works.

Cllr. Margetts noted that whilst the water leak on A491 in Wildmoor appeared to be attended to by W.C.C. the separate leak at Hartle Lane however remained outstanding.

Action: the clerk to chase W.C.C.

Cllr. Margetts advised that James Callaghan would be asked to plant spring bulbs in Belbroughton.

Cllr. Hood advised that traffic bollards at the A491 junctions with Hartle Lane and Heath End Road had failed light bulbs.

Action: the clerk to inform W.C.C. on the need to install replacements.

322/17 Other Finance Business.

Cllr. Bradley requested that a future Committee re-visits the requirement to resurface Fairfield Recreation Ground play area as he had information to suggest that additional patching would suffice rather than larger works approved.

Cllr. Margetts requested that a stock of union flags was held as the current ones in use were aged and showing signs of wear.

Action: the clerk would arrange the purchase of 6 flags – the cost circa £25 was approved.

Cllr. Margetts requested that the Communication Working Group considered setting up a Parish Council Facebook page.

Cllr. Morgan reminded the Committee that there was funding still available in the budget this year for holding of further meetings to progress the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group's activities.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Signed.....Chairman

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