

Minutes of the meeting of Belbroughton and Fairfield Parish Council Finance Committee held on 14th December 2020 by video conference facility.

Present: Councillors: A Hood, G Ingram, A Mabbett, S Nock and Dr R Morgan.
In attendance, the clerk. 1 member of the public.

The Chairman thanked all for their input during a difficult year.

331/20 Apologies. None Received. **332/20 Declarations of interest.** None.

333/20 Dispensations. None requested.

334/20 Minutes of previous meeting.

The minutes of the meeting of 16th November 2020 were approved by the Committee.

335/20 Bank reconciliation.

The Committee noted that the monthly operational bank account and 'Quick books' reconciliation had been carried out by Cllr. Nock, which he had confirmed by an e mail to the clerk for Council records. Cllr. Ingram would carry out the reconciliation procedures for the month ending 31st December 2020.

336/20 Accounts for Payment.

The clerk had previously circulated for perusal the list of items for payment in December totalling £9,166,55 The Committee noted and authorised the payments instructing the clerk to make the electronic payments.

337/20 Health and Safety Tree work.

The Committee noted the three quotes received and agreed to accept the quote from Acer Trees.
Action: the clerk to inform the contractor and monitor the completion of the tree works.

338/20 Bus shelter – Stourbridge Rd. Fairfield

The Committee agreed in principle to carry out repairs to the 'Green' bus shelter to include new panels and Perspex and would seek a quote for the work.

The Committee would also investigate the options for putting up a replacement bus shelter at the site although due to space constraints that would need co-operation from the adjacent landowner.

Action: the clerk to seek costings and also ascertain the ownership of the adjacent field.

339/20 The Deli, Belbroughton

The meeting was closed to the general public and press during the consideration of this agenda item due to the commercially sensitive nature of the discussions.

The Committee agreed a contribution of £750 towards the costs that the tenant wished to incur to improve the frontage of the premises. Such action would be enhancing site accessibility for the local community.

340/20 Maintenance Work None.

341/20 Other Finance Business

The Committee noted that the January Finance Committee meeting would consider the parish upkeep tenders and assess the effect on the individual 2021/22 budget lines.

The Meeting closed at 8.45p.m.

To be agreed as a true record by a future Committee Meeting minute.

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