

**Minutes of the meeting of Belbroughton and Fairfield Parish Council Finance Committee held on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at The Barton Room Fairfield Village Hall**

**Present:** Councillors: S Boss, J Bradley, A Hood, P Margetts, Dr R Morgan, S Nock and, C Scurrrell. In attendance, the clerk - 0 members of the public.

In the absence of Cllr. Mabbett the Vice Chairman Cllr. Nock chaired for the meeting.

**368/17 Apologies.** Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs A Mabbett and G Parsons.

**369/17 Declarations of interest.** None.

**370/17 Dispensations.** None requested.

**371/17 Minutes of previous meeting.**

The minutes of the meeting of 20<sup>th</sup> November 2017 were approved by the Committee and were signed by the Chairman.

**372/17 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. Bradley would carry out the next reconciliation procedure at the January Finance Committee.

**373/17 Accounts for Payment.**

The clerk circulated the list of items for payment totalling £4,509.43.

The Committee authorised the payments and Cllrs. Bradley and Scurrrell agreed to sign the cheques.

**374/17 Maintenance works.**

Cllr. Boss requested that following the recent snow, fallen branches along the Drayton Road footpath were removed. **Action:** The clerk would contact B.D.C. as the debris was felt larger than that the Lengthsman could deal with.

Cllr. Bradley advised that a resident had requested the re-sitting of a grit bin onto a more convenient position closer to his home. The Committee felt that this was not necessary nor should the council fund any special delivery of grit to the individual.

Cllr. Hood advised that the W.C.C. had still to replace the repair the light in Bell Heath despite agreeing to do so some weeks ago. **Action:** the clerk to chase the County Council.

Cllrs. Margetts and Hood advised of 'dropped' drain covers on Holy Cross Lane, Belbroughton and Quantry Lane, Bell Heath. **Action:** the clerk to report to the W.C.C. Hub.

**375/17 Other Finance Business.**

Cllr. Hood reminded the Committee that it was to review the council's membership of the W.C.C. Local Government Pension scheme as its cost for the employer appeared excessive.

**Action:** The Finance Committee Chairman would be asked to contact Worcs. Calc. to seek comments on the processes required and options for providing a substitute scheme for the clerk.

**The meeting closed at 8.00 pm.**

Signed.....Chairman