

Minutes of the meeting of Belbroughton and Fairfield Parish Council Finance Committee held on 19th June 2017 at The Jubilee Room Belbroughton Recreation Centre.

Present: Councillors: S Boss, J Bradley, A Hood, P Margetts, and C Scurrall.
In attendance, the clerk. 0 members of the public.

188/17 In the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman committee members elected Cllr. J Bradley to Chair the meeting.

189/17 Apologies - Apologies had been received and were accepted from Cllrs. A Mabbett, illness, S Nock and Dr R Morgan, holidays.

190/17 Declarations of interest: None. **191/17 Dispensations.** None requested.

192/17 Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting of 15th May 2017 were approved by the Committee and were signed by the Chairman.

193/17 Bank reconciliation

In the absence of Cllr. Morgan the bank reconciliation for the Council's operational bank account was agreed by Cllr. Bradley, 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 July Finance Committee.

194/17 Accounts for Payment

The clerk circulated the list of items for payment in June totalling £12,755.19. The payments included the maintenance grants to the Belbroughton Parochial Church Council £2,200, Belbroughton Recreation Centre £1,155, Fairfield Village Hall £730 and Belbroughton Church Hall Management £730.00. A payment exceptionally was made to Cllr. Margetts of £39.80 for plants purchases rather than direct to the supplier from the Council to facilitate the planting on the Belbroughton boundary. The committee authorised the payments and Cllrs. Bradley and Scurrall agreed to sign the cheques.

195/17 Investments

The clerk had circulated the present schedule of cash investments. The Committee agreed to re-invest the maturing £20,000 Secure Trust Bank 2 year fixed interest 2.33% bond, placing a further £13,000 into the existing Cambridge and Counties Bank 95 day notice account paying 1.55% and a further £7,000 into the existing Shawbrook Bank 100 day notice account paying 1.1%.

196/17 Parish Council Annual Financial Planning and Investment Strategy

The Committee deferred considering this agenda item to a future committee meeting due to the number of absent members. However, it wished for the July meeting to at least review the timetable for the 'Annual Planning Process'.

197/17 Maintenance Work

Cllr. Margetts requested that two water leaks are again reported to Severn Trent as no actions appeared to be underway. The sites are at Hartle Lane / close to the A491 junction and at the Wildmoor Quarry on Sandy Lane. A timeline to be sought for the correcting works and the County cllrs. would be copied into the requests. The Severn Trent B'ham Resilience Project Team would be copied in and their assistance also sought.

Action: the clerk to action.

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Cllr Margetts questioned whether the grass should be continued to be cut at the dam on Drayton Road. The matter would be referred to the Little Bell Hall Pool Working Group.

Cllr. Hood advised that he was still seeking the ideal contractor to complete the improvements to the farm track on the Stoneybridge Farm site.

Cllr. Scurrell advised that the District Council had yet to provide the posts for the missing road sign at Yew Tree Lane Fairfield.

Action: the clerk would chase BDC.

Cllr Bradley advised that the bridle way adjacent to the cricket club which had significant improvements two years ago by the County Council was not dealing with rainwater properly.

Action: the clerk to inform WCC and request a site visit and improvements.

The clerk advised that Vodafone had given a Notice of Termination of 12 months to cease using the telecommunications apparatus installed on the National Grid YK overhead power line crossing the land on tower 016 and the span 016. Thus the final wayleave payments will be received in June 2018.

198/17 Other Financial Business.

None.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Signed.....Chairman