

Worth Parish Council

Minutes of the General Purposes and Finance Committee Meeting April 15th 2019 after the Planning & Highways Committee Meeting

Present: Cllr Scott (Chairman) Cllr Hollands (Vice Chairman)
Cllr Anscomb Cllr Coote
Cllr Hitchcock Cllr Phillips
Cllr Webb
Miss Vaughan (Assistant Clerk) 0 members of the public

101. Public Question Time

No members of the public were present.

102. Apologies

Reasons for absence were noted and accepted from Cllr Dorey.

Cllrs Gibson and Lord were marked as absent.

103. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest at this point of the meeting.

104. Minutes

It was proposed by Cllr Hitchcock, seconded by Cllr Anscomb and agreed by all present that the Minutes of the General Purposes & Finance Committee meeting held on 11th March 2019 were a true and correct record.

105. Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman had no announcements.

106. Correspondence

The Correspondence List was NOTED.

Cllr Webb asked for a more detailed correspondence list, including emails and phone calls from members of the public that might be of interest to Councillors. The Assistant Clerk will add this to the Clerk's action list.

107. Accounts & Financial Matters

Details of expenditure against budget, payments, earmarked reserves and bank balances are included in this meeting pack, as at 31st March 2019.

Cllr Scott advised that these figures are not yet finalised, as the RFO is currently in the process of closing the financial year 2018/2019.

Receipts to date for March 2019 of £23,008.27 (including £20,000 transfer) excl. VAT
Payments to date for March 2019 of £39,131.00 (including £20,000 transfer) excl. VAT
Bank Balances as at 31st March 2019 £268,609.95 of which:
Earmarked reserves of £113,663

The Committee noted that the Budget underspend for the year was approximately £26,000, which will be transferred into General and earmarked Reserves.

Councillors NOTED and APPROVED the financial information supplied to 31st March 2019 as a true and correct record of the Council's financial affairs.

108. Council Premises and Land

Allotments

Plots 20 and 22 – are currently unworkable due to trees being allowed to reach maturity on the them. The groundsmen have cleared as much vegetation from plots as far as possible but, a contractor needs to be employed to grind out the stumps.

The RFO has received two quotations, one of £560.00 + VAT for the complete job, the other of £650.00 for a day's work.

The RFO recommended that the quote of £560.00 +VAT be accepted, as this is from a local company used by the Council previously.

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Hollands, SECONDED by Cllr Coote and AGREED by all present that Turners Hill Tree Surgeons would be contracted to remove the stumps on plots 20 and 22 at a cost of £560.00 + VAT, which will enable these plots to be let to tenants.

Damage to lighting column in Memorial Car Park

As some months have passed since a driver demolished a street light in the car park in Crawley Down, it has been confirmed that the police investigations are complete, and the Council's insurers can now proceed to claim against the registered driver of the vehicle.

Councillors NOTED this information.

Cllr Coote stated that he had received complaints about the lighting columns in Sandy Lane. He asked the Assistant Clerk to find the ownership of all lighting columns in Sandy Lane.

109. Items for Future Inclusion on the Agenda

Cllr Anscomb would like an item to discuss the purchase of iPads to be added to the next agenda.

Cllr Coote would like an item to discuss purchasing a board showing past Chairmen to be on the next agenda.

110. Date of the next meeting

The date of the next meeting is Monday, 10th June 2019.

Meeting closed at 20:44 hrs

Chairman: _____

Date: _____