

COLNBROOK WITH POYLE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE meeting held at the Village Hall, Colnbrook on Tuesday 21st March 2017, commencing at 8.06pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman – Cllr Bryant
Cllrs Angell, Bedi, Brooks, Elum-Smith, Jackson, Kinane,
Grewal, Laxman, Richardson and Smith

Officer Present: Mrs K. J. Jones - Clerk & Finance Officer
Members of the Public: 0

FP/16/51 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Received from Cllrs Hood

FP/16/52 MINUTES
The minutes of the Finance & Policy Committee meeting held on Tuesday 21st February 2017 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

FP/16/53 DECLARATION OF INTEREST
None.

FP/16/54 LIST OF PAYMENTS
The list of payments in the sum of £1,319.20 (Inc. VAT) from 22nd February to 21st March 2017 was circulated and, subject to questions answered, approved.

FP/16/55 APPOINTMENT OF CLERK AND RESPONSIBLE FINANCE OFFICER
The Clerk circulated the proposed advert for the job along with details of the salary scale and asked members for comments. Subject to minor changes the advert was APPROVED for publication. The Chairman and Vice Chair to work on the application pack so that it is ready to go out for the weekend (copy of all to be attached to these minutes).
A minimum handover period of 2 weeks was agreed, depending on experience

FP/16/56 PARISH PLAN

- i. Colnbrook Museum – The Clerk read out a letter received from Adam Afriyie MP concerning a query sent to him by a constituent, regarding plans relating to Colnbrook Village Hall and land registry documents that may indicate that a covenant is in place on the property preventing the property from being extended and being used for business purposes.
Cllr Elum-Smith asked if the monies for the project were in a separate account. The Chairman advised that the funds were ear marked within the main budget and were there to find a permanent home for the artefacts owned by the Parish Council so that these could be correctly stored and go on display to residents. He commented that the museum was a long way off and that the priority was to resolve the Doctors Surgery in the village. He felt that the issue of a covenant was down to the Village Hall Trust to deal with as the property, and land owners. Cllr Angell commented that there would be a legal agreement between the Village Hall Trust and the Parish Council so that both sides would

be protected. The Chairman stressed that no money would be handed over without full Council approval first and nothing would be released until the legalities were agreed.

The Clerk read out the proposed reply below, which the council **AGREED** to send.

I can advise you that the matter of the covenant on the Village Hall property and land is nothing to do with the Parish Council and a copy of your letter to the Village Hall Trust for their response.

The Parish Council has ear marked funds within its budget as a contribution towards the provision of a Museum in Colnbrook, to house the artefacts that the Parish Council owns so that they can be on display to the public. Any plans for a new, or an extension to an existing, building to create a Museum would be subject to rigorous scrutiny and the Parish Council would make sure that before any contributions are paid, all plans have the correct authority to proceed.

Cllr Kinane commented that the Village Hall was not owned by the Village Hall Trust. The Chairman stated it was down to the Village Hall Trust to respond on matters that are relevant to them and not the Parish Council.

ii. Updates

Doctors Surgery – an email has confirmed that dividing the children’s centre is not the most appropriate solution so they are looking for an alternative. Cllr Elum-Smith had spoken to the Cabinet Minister for Wellbeing and it was up to the residents to ask for a G.P. for the village and if there was the backing then there would be the service and individuals would have to transfer to the new G.P.

The Chairman advised that Cllrs Hood, Smith and Angell were part of the multi-organisation team looking into this with SBC, NHS England and the present doctors and all options would be covered.

Cllr Kinane asked why it was not possible to use the old building and was advised that that they were asking for too much rent.

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QUESTIONS TO CHAIRMAN ARISING FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING ON 07/03/17

- The Clerk advised of the BALC/NALC training courses and would forward the email to all Councillors.
- Highways England seminar on 12th May – One Council representative to attend clerk to find out costs
- Pippins School – Request for a contribution towards new books for the National Reading Scheme, total cost £5,000. (Cllr Bryant and Bedi declared an interest and took no part in the discussions or voting) Cllr Jackson suggested whatever was agreed a similar amount be given to Colnbrook C. of E. Primary School to enable them to also replace books. **AGREED**
- It was proposed by Cllr Kinane, seconded by Cllr Jackson and **RESOLVED** that £500 be given to both schools to enable them to buy replacement books.
- CAST annual quiz night on 22nd April
- Parish Forum on 25th March being hosted by the Parish Council.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

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