

## COLNBROOK WITH POYLE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE meeting held at the Village Hall, Colnbrook on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2015, commencing at 8.30 pm.

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Members Present: Cllrs Hood (Chairman), Bryant (Vice-chair), Angell, Elum-Smith, Kinane, Bedi, Jackson, Laxman, Richardson, Smith and Grewal.

Officer Present: Mrs K. J. Jones - Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer

Members of the Public: 0

FP/15/30 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE  
Received from Cllr Brooks

FP/15/31 MINUTES  
The minutes of the Finance & Policy Committee meeting held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2015 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the chairman.

FP/15/32 DECLARATIONS OF INTREST  
None

FP/15/33 PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN  
Cllrs Elum-Smith had tried to set up a meeting with Cllr Grewal and Mike Nye but things had changed.  
The Chairman suggested that Cllr Smith be involved. Funding was now available and an application needed to be considered. If the council could get funding this could then be used to employ a consultant to do a lot of the ground work.  
Cllr Elum-Smith said he would be happy to take this on but to do so would like to step down from the Village Hall Trust. The Chairman agreed to find someone to take this role on.

FP/15/34 LIST OF PAYMENTS  
The list of payments from 16<sup>th</sup> September to 14<sup>th</sup> October 2015 in the sum of £22,852.15 (Inc. VAT) was circulated and, subject to questions answered, **APPROVED.**

The Chairman asked members if they thought the council was getting value for money from the Policing contract to fund a PCSO.

Concerns were expressed that that the position benefits Foxborough as much as it does our parish. The Council felt that our parish should always have one more PSCO than Foxborough as it is funding the position.

Cllr Jackson had looked at the contract and at the meeting scheduled for the 5<sup>th</sup> November with TVP he wanted to put the question to them – what, under the terms of the contract, are they supposed to provide. This was an opportunity to pin them down to say under the contract this is what we believe we should be getting against what we actually get.

Some members also commented that they do not often see a PCSO presence in the village, only at meetings or events.

The Chairman felt that as this was mainly a resourcing problem and future cut backs would only make it worse. However would it be worse still if we did not fund a position? It was difficult to measure. Foxborough who don't have a parish council making funding contributions, would still get the benefit if we continue.

Cllr Bryant commented that they had also stopped doing the road shows and were rarely seen outside the schools.

The Chairman to take all point forward to the meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> November.

FP/15/35

REVISED BUDGET2015/16

The Chairman advised that in the light of the request to Slough Labour Party and Mrs and Miss Cheema for contributions towards the August By-Election costs in the sum of £6,607.90 this item would be deferred until the council get a response as the outcome of this would affect any revisions that had to be made.

FP/15/36

LETTER TO SLOUGH LABOUR PARTY AND MRS AND MISS CHEEMA RE COST OF AUGUST 2015 BY-ELECTION.

The clerk referred to the letter which had been circulated to all councillors for their comments so a final version could be brought to the meeting tonight for all to sign.

It was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Cllr Angell that the letter be sent to Christine Hulmes as the leader of the Slough Labour Party with a coy to Robert Andrews as the labour leader of Slough Council. **All AGREED**

Cllr Elum-Smith stated that he could not sign for legal reasons so was asked to strike his name from the list.

The clerk to prepare a similar letter to go to Mrs and Miss Cheema, to be signed by all at the meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

FP/15/37

PARISH PLAN

The Chairman asked for reports from councillors on their respected items. Cllr Laxman advised that tickets were now on sale for the Christmas lunch on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December at £20 each  
He would start looking at the Queens 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations in January.

Cllr Bryant advised that he had seen communication about the possibility of new gym equipment going into Pippins Park and asked that SBC be invited to come to a parish meeting and explain what and where. He also asked that they include wheelchair facilities. Cllr Elum-Smith advised that the officers involved were Victoria Coady and Jack Steadman.

Cllr Bryant asked that a working group to be set up for the proposed Museum extension. Cllr Hood suggested that it be made up of two representatives from the council, Cllr Bryant and Hood, two from the Village Hall Trust, Angell and Jackson along with representatives from the schools and churches and NAG.

The group needed to look at getting funding to go with the £5,000 raised from the Apple Fair and the £5,000 set aside in the from parish funds to re-house the parish owned artefacts.

Cllr Angell advised that the environmental working group had met and they had one price for repairing the zip wire and were awaiting another. He also had one quote to repair the basketball court and fencing and was meeting a second company on site on Thursday for another quote.

He advised that at carol signing would be on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm with mulled wine and mince pies in the church afterwards. The schools would be invited. Cllr Kinane asked if the Salvation Army Band had been invited but Cllr Hood said they were already fully booked. Cllr Kinane to approach the Uxbridge Branch. Cllr Bryant said flyers had already gone around the village.

Cllr Smith confirmed that the recommendations regarding the alterations on the A4 went from the scrutiny committee up to cabinet for decision. A planning application had been made to widen the A4 opposite Kidderminster Park with a bus lane making 3 lanes going west and 2 going east as part of the improvement of bus times to Heathrow helping workers. Cllr Bryant said there was still no bus going through the village to Heathrow. SBC were trying to set up a meeting with Heathrow and CPPC to discuss this.

Cllr Kinane raised the issue of through traffic coming via the village centre and was told the cost of policing this was too great. The chairman advised that a Bus Gate was in the pipeline and would help solve some of the problems.

Cllr Elum-Smith asked that with the DHL depot relocation to Poyle would it be possible for a 24 hour service on the 81 bus for workers. The chairman said this would have to be cost effective and DHL were meant to be looking to recruit locally so traffic would not be increased. Cllr Smith understood that 5 extra buses would be put on. The issue to be added to the agenda for the next meeting with SEGRO.

FP/15/38 QUESTIONS TO CHAIRMAN ARISING FROM THE COUNCIL  
MEETING ON 06/10/2015

None

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

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