

COLNBROOK WITH POYLE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE meeting held at the Village Hall, Colnbrook on Tuesday 18th October 2016, commencing at 8.12pm.

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

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

FP/16/33 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Received from Cllrs. Bedi, Angell, and Cllr Brooks would have to leave early

FP/16/34 MINUTES
The minutes of the Finance and Policy Committee meeting held on Tuesday 20th September 2016 were confirmed as a true record, subject to the amendments/comments below, and signed by the Chairman.

Cllr Hood said that concerning his request to have the Colnbrook By-Pass laybys closed, Savio de Cruise at the Borough had stated that there is the intention to do this.

Cllr Elum-Smith had passed his apologies onto Cllr Brooks to give to the meeting.

FP/16/35 DECLARATION OF INTEREST
None.

FP/16/36 LIST OF PAYMENTS
The list of payments from 21st September to 18th October 2016 in the sum of £1,930.90 (inc VAT) was circulated and subject to questions asked
APPROVED

FP/16/37 REVISED BUDGET 2016/17
The Chairman circulated copies of the proposed revised budget for 2016/17, and the Vice-Chairman explained to members that because the council had previously RESOLVED not to pay for the PCSO post this year, £34,065 was available in the current budget for other projects. He identified the Recreation Ground as a primary expense requiring works to the fences, trees, play equipment and surfacing, along with the proposal of a storage container including water and electricity supply.

They asked members to consider the following revisions:-

- Transfer £10,000 to the budget heading Ground Maintenance / Inspections to cover works to the trees, play equipment and surfacing.
- Transfer £9,000 to the budget heading Colnbrook Rec Repairs and Replacements for the fence repairs and the provision of a storage container with water and electrical services.
- Transfer £5,000 into the Fire Tender heading to cover for works and the purchase of uniforms etc. for public events.

- Transfer £5,000 into a new heading for Community Events like the Apple Fair.
- Transfer £5,000 into Ear Marked reserves to build up a fund for the Colnbrook Museum /Education facility.
- That the existing £4,500 for the funding of future elections also be shown as an Ear Marked reserve.
- Minor adjustments/amendments between codes to allow for improved Christmas lights, litterbins and dog bins.
- The general consolidation of budget headings, to make things simpler.

They stated that allowing for the above revisions, the final figure still showed a break even on the year.

It was Proposed by Cllr Laxman and Seconded by Cllr Smith and **RESOLVED** to accept the above revised budget for 2016/17. **ALL IN FAVOUR.** A copy is attached.

Cllr Elum-Smith asked who supplied and installed the Christmas trees, which had a revised budget total of £3,000. The Clerk advised that a new supplier would have to be found this year as Datchet Parish Council were no longer able to provide these. Cllr Kinane suggested Windsor Great Park and Cllr Hood suggested asking Slough Borough Council who had provided them in the past. Clerk to enquire. Cllr Bryant suggested, subject to the cost of the trees, the remainder of the revised budget be spent on new lights. He would enquire about these and see what is available.

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PARISH PLAN

Cllr Elum-Smith - Meeting with Mr Charles Burke of the CCA regarding a survey of activities happening in the parish, including seeking opinions on the War Memorial. He hope to get around all the house in the parish by Christmas and feedback obtained would help with the neighbourhood plan. Cllr Bryant asked for feedback from the houses already visited in Westfields and Cllr Elum-Smith advised the main concern was the lack of meetings at that end of the parish, crime and abandoned cars. They had asked for more notice boards / information.

Cllr Kinane suggested producing a leaflet to get feedback on the War Memorial that it could be available at newsagents. Cllr Bryant asked Cllr Elum-Smith to put something together.

Cllr Grewal commented on the traffic problems and that it had taken over one hour to get to Slough. He had asked SBC to monitor this. Cllr Bryant said that TFS had stated that there were no problems with the new layout / markings and that Highways England were investigating. It was a consensus that TFS were unwilling to take ownership of the problems. Cllr Smith said that the Scrutiny Panel had described the alterations to the A4 at Brands Hill “not fit for purpose” yet still nothing had been done, even though a revised plan had been promised. The recent study and drop in session at Langley left out Colnbrook and it was **AGREED** that TFS hold a similar session in Colnbrook, as until they feel the full force of the residents affected nothing will be done. It was **RESOLVED** to invite them to attend the drop in session at Westfields on

the 29th October – and the Council meeting in November and also to seek support from higher up in the Borough Council.

Cllr Hood advised that he along with Cllr's Angell and Smith had attended a meeting on the Doctors Surgery and they were still trying to renegotiate the rent. Failing this, they were still looking for a surgery in the village but were also looking at getting in place a daily transport system to the Langley Health Centre. Imperial coaches had been approached, as had the day centre mini bus, which might be able to do a surgery run for a two-hour block.

Cllr Kinane suggested asking local companies to fund a mini bus (with a tail lift) for the parish to be available for this amongst other things. **AGREED**

Christmas lunch posters have been printed.

Cllr Smith was still awaiting a reply on the Historic Buildings scheme and had asked SBC about the return of the historic artefacts in their collection to go into the Colnbrook Museum once built.

Cllr Bryant - Pippins Park. The Head teacher at Pippins School had called about the broken fence and white vans dropping off workers who are using the park as a short cut to the By-Pass. The park is 'Unsafe' because of the risk of abduction and as the broken fence leads to an unsupervised lake.

FP/16/31 QUESTIONS TO CHAIRMAN ARISING FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING ON 04/10/2016

Cllr Hood asked if the original lamp removed from the conservation area had been returned. Cllr Smith to chase.

Cllr Smith mentioned the recent reports in the press about animal abuse in Colnbrook and Cllr Bryant advised he would monitor this,

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

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