

FINANCE AND RISK ASSESSMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Sub-Committee was held on the 27th March 2019.

Present: Councillor S. Jackson (Chair), Councillors E. Banks W. Murdoch & C. Smith.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors L. Billau, and V. Bowles.

Peter Goulding (Parish Clerk) was in attendance.

14. FINANCIAL YEAR END – 2018/2019

Members considered a Year End Statement of Income and Expenditure along with estimated balances. The excessive level of financial activity resulting from the development Contract at the new burial ground was highlighted by the Clerk and members also considered variations in income generated from burial ground fees.

Members noted that consistent and perceived adequate balances were being maintained at current Council Tax levels.

RECOMMENDED that the Year End Financial Statement be approved.

15. FINANCIAL YEAR 2019/20

The Precept declared by the Parish Council has been forwarded to the District Council and the Clerk reported on correspondence relating to contributions in respect of public conveniences and closed burial grounds.

Although the Parish Council will not qualify for assistance with the public convenience expenditure at the new burial ground the District Council has indicated that it will give consideration to financial support towards the maintenance of the closed burial ground at St John's Church.

The Parish Council will be required to submit details of expenditure on this item in October 2019 for a grant to be considered for 2020/2021 financial year.

ENVIRONMENTAL WORKING PARTY

A meeting of the Working Party was held on 27th March 2019.

Present: Councillor S. Jackson (Chair), Councillors E. Banks, C. Connolly, C. Smith and S. Walsh.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors L. Billau, B. Bowles and V. Bowles.

Peter Goulding (Parish Clerk) was in attendance.

14. BURIAL GROUND – HUNDRED ACRE LANE

The Clerk reported on satisfactory progress on the development of the area.

Members were reminded that work relating to the closure of existing burial ground facilities, opening arrangements and consecration of the new burial ground regulation and maintenance issues would all be the subject of consideration by the Burial Ground Sub-Committee following Council Elections in May 2019.

RECOMMENDED that the Clerk's report be noted.

15. GRASS VERGE RESINSTATEMENTS

The Clerk reported on ongoing correspondence with the County Council Highway's Manager relating to the unsatisfactory reinstatement conditions to grass verges in Dadley Road.

The Highways Manager has set out the requirements in place for this work but is emphasising difficulties being caused by vehicle parking on grass verges.

RECOMMENDED that the Clerk's action and report be approved.

16. KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELD - FOOTBALL

The Clerk reported on the ongoing measures being undertaken by officials of Carlton Knights Junior Football Club to ensure that disturbance in the area on match days is kept to a minimum. Measures are being taken to control car parking in the neighbourhood and the club has worked with both the Parish Council and the District Council to facilitate some improvement to playing conditions for junior boys and girls.

The Club has had a successful season and has conveyed its appreciation to the Parish Council for its support.

RECOMMENDED that 1) the report be noted

2) the Clerk make enquiries on the merits of the Parish Council sponsoring a trophy award for a particular team or individual achievement each season.

17. TREE ISSUES

a) Mayflower Legacy Project

The District Council Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods has indicated that to celebrate the 400th Anniversary of the Journey of the Mayflower Pilgrims to America the District Council is working with the Sherwood Forest Trust on a 'legacy project'. The objective is to plant oak trees across the District to commemorate the occasion. The Parish Council is being invited to nominate "suitable" sites.

RECOMMENDED that

- 1) the information be noted
- 2) the Parish Council support the initiative
- 3) providing a suitable point can be agreed, an oak tree(s) be located at the new burial ground to be located on the site so as to ensure that root spread will not have long term effects on grave plots or underground water pipe lines.

b) Tree Planting – opposite Blue Bell – near to Grange Close

The County Council Environmental Services Manager has written explaining reasons for the delay in completing the planting of trees in “tree pits” which have been excavated at this location for some months. Planting should be taking place within a few days.

c) Tree planting schemes – Woodland Trust

A local resident is seeking the support of the Parish Council in his desire to manage a project in conjunction with a Woodland Trust “free tree” scheme for encouraging tree planting in the village. Whilst members of the Working Party have an awareness that the Parish Council land holdings are minimalistic it is felt that there is some potential for wider enquiries to be made on the participation of local farmers and landowners. Particular reference was made to an area of land at the junction of Owday Lane/A60 which was identified during discussion of the new burial ground facility.

RECOMMENDED that

- 1) the resident be supported in principle
- 2) the Clerk be authorised to have further discussions on the project
- 3) the feasibility of involving Chris Goodall of John H Pickups Ltd be considered in respect of discussions with local land owners
- 4) the resident be invited for discussions with members at the next meeting of the Environmental Working Party

18. WAYSIDE SEATING

RECOMMENDED that the Clerk investigate the possibility of wayside seating being located at the top of Tinkers Hill (near to the Cemetery footpath) and alongside the bus stop on the A60 at the foot of Long Lane.