

FINANCE AND RISK ASSESSMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Sub-Committee was held on the 31st March 2017.

Present: Councillors E. Banks, B. Bowles, V. Bowles and C. Smith.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S. Jackson, W. Murdoch & M. Pepper.

Peter Goulding (Parish Clerk) was in attendance.

1. Appointment of Chairman 2017/2018

RESOLVED that Councillor V. Bowles be appointed Chairman for the ensuing year.

2. Income/Expenditure Monitoring

Members considered Council Income and Expenditure for the first two months of the financial year 2017/18.

The Clerk made reference to the Burial Ground Reserve budget which currently meets the cost of loan repayment to the Public Works Loan Board and initial development fees for the new burial ground.

RECOMMENDED that the report be noted

3. Grant Application – Community First Responders

Members considered the continuing role of this organisation and grants approved since June 2015.

RECOMMENDED that a grant of £500 be approved on this occasion.

4. Church Clock Maintenance

A quotation has been received from Smiths of Derby for work required on a fault identified on the Church Clock mechanism. The cost of rectifying the problem is £302 plus VAT.

RECOMMENDED that approval be given to the work being undertaken and the costs of £302 be met by the Parish Council.

5. Audit of Accounts 2016/17

The Clerk indicated that the Internal Auditor has approved the Council's Accounts for 2016/17 and the report to be submitted to external auditors will be presented to the Council at its meeting on the 13th June 2017. Subject to Council's approval the audit report will be on deposit for public inspection on the 14th June 2017.

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

6. Neighbourhood Plan Grant Aid

The Clerk indicated that a funding application for remaining costs of work on the plan will be submitted on Friday 2nd June 2017.

ENVIRONMENTAL WORKING PARTY

A meeting of the Working Party was held on 31st May 2017.

Present: Councillors E. Banks, B. Bowles, V. Bowles, C. Connolly S. Jackson and C. Smith.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor A. Williams.

Peter Goulding (Parish Clerk) was in attendance.

1. Appointment of Chairman 2017/2018

RESOLVED that Councillor S. Jackson be appointed Chairman for the ensuing year.

2. Blyth Road/Hundred Acre Lane Junction

The Clerk detailed a response received from the County District Manager following Parish Council representations. The response indicated current priorities applied to highway safety improvements but also indicated that details relating to the most recent accident at this junction have yet to be considered.

RECOMMENDED that

- 1) the current report be noted and further information be obtained once the most recent accident circumstances have been considered by the County Council.
- 2) members of the Parish Council continue to express concerns on the safety of conditions at the junction and continue to monitor accident "near misses" which support those concerns.

3. Grasscutting / Garden Maintenance

The Clerk reported on monitoring discussions held with the Contractor on maintaining satisfactory standards at the Burial Ground, the Youth Centre, the Civic Centre and on grass verges throughout the village. Members were reminded that a specification is being prepared for a new Contract to be facilitated in 2018.

RECOMMENDED that the report be noted.

4. Other Environmental Work

The Clerk to take action on the following:-

- a) Groundworks at the War Memorial
- b) Hedgecutting at Greenway (County Council Enforcement)
- c) Seating at the War Memorial
- d) Parking of vehicles in Low Street