

Pevensey Parish Council

The Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on Tuesday 7th August 2018 at St. Wilfrid's Church Hall, Pevensey Bay

Present Councillors, Rabbitts, Beck, Slater, Pursglove, Lowton, Rabbitts and Withey

Appointment of New Chair – Only one applicant - Cllr Pursglove appointed

Apologies: None

Minutes: The Minutes of the previous meeting were duly signed

Election of Vice Chairman - Only one applicant – Cllr Withey appointed

Cllr Pursglove wanted to thank Cllr Hills on all his hard work on this Committee and for the 3 year plan.

Matters Arising:

Sea Road Car Park

Cllr Lowton advised that the Sub Committee has received the figures from WDC i.e the costs and income and were currently working through them to see if there is any financial benefit and in taking the on the car park on which will include the toilets and information centre.

Cllr Beaney advised that the fence on the west side has collapsed and needs replacing and the fence on east side as well. Cllr MacKinnon also reported there is a problem with the pavement between the aqua bar and road. The Clerk is to report these issues to WDC once she has been down to have a look.

Website update

From outside the meeting Cllr Howard advised a draft social media policy had been circulated to Councillors to read and report back prior to discussion at the next Council meeting. She advised that the development of the new website was on track and we are currently tackling Facebook and looking into twitter. She also advised Councillors will have an individual genetic email address and all biography information and photos will need to come to the Clerk first before it goes on the website.

Defibrillator Location

The Clerk updated that the quote has been sent to PCDL and we are waiting for the Ok. WDC have advised they will get there electricians in to fit the defib as they know the electrical points on the information centre. Also insurances and other points are being discussed. The Clerk will update at next meeting.

3 Year Plan – update

The sub Committee has met on 2 occasions and the next meeting has been arranged for 23rd August. Good progress has been made for example looking at statutory responsibilities and services delivered by ESCC and WDC at a local level ie grass cutting opposed to education and health. Meetings will be arranged with Cllr Liddiard regarding potential future funding cuts by ESCC and how local services might be affected. This in turn will impact on our precept. Cllr Lowton asked Committee members if they would like to join the Sub Committee due to resignation of Cllr Hills. Cllr Withey showed some interest previously and was asked if he wished to join. He accepted and this was agreed by the Committee.

Library update

Council remained very much in support of our local library and noted that the establishment of the new community library run by The Volunteers Network CIC appeared to be progressing well. However as they were waiting for the sub-lease to be agreed by the Landlord council would not be able to release the grant monies previously agreed.

The Clerk will write to The Volunteers Network CIC accordingly.

Upgrade/ New Computer for the Clerk.

Cllr Lowton advised that the Clerks computer is very slow and outdate. He advised that the clerk had received quote for a new hard drive which will cost £450. Cllr Lowton sought views on whether it would be more cost effective to replace the computer as a whole. There was general agreement that this was the best course of action. It was suggested that an allocation of £1000 with advise and guidance from Councillors to assist the Clerk. Proposed by Cllr Slater seconded by Cllr Withey. All Agreed.

Accounts for Payment

Proposed Cllr Withey seconded Cllr Beck that the figures be accepted as presented. All in favour. Cllr Beaney abstained

Ethel Wood Community Centre

Previous Clerk agreed to remain a treasurer for 6 months for a slow handover. Which the committee expressed its gratitude for. It was agreed that Cllr. Pursglove to be the new Chair. There were no other nominees and he was dually appointed

Parish Maintenance

Nothing to report

Matters referred from Committees

It was agreed for Cllr Beaney to replace the metal netting on the bridge to Anderida. Proposed by Cllr Slater seconded Cllr Beck. All agreed.

Matters referred from Council

None

Correspondence

The Clerk read a letters from Victim Support asking for another donation from the Council. Cllr Lowton advised to forward the request to the grants Committee and advise the application accordingly.

Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 4th September – Council at 7pm

Meeting Closed at 10:20

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