

WHITNASH TOWN COUNCIL

FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 31st March 2016 at 7.00 p.m. in the Whitnash Town Council office, Franklin Road, Whitnash.

PRESENT: Councillors: B Smart – Chairman
A Barton
Mrs J Falp
B Franklin
R Margrave
T Shepherd
J Short
R Sparkes

Town Clerk: Jenny Mason

58/16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Birdi, Button, Cancilla, Heath and Kirton. Apologies were accepted.

59/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

60/16 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meetings held on 14th and 28th January 2016 as circulated were approved and signed as a true record.

61/16 MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THOSE MINUTES

51/16 Website – Cllr Mrs Falp asked if any more has been done about the website. Cllr Birdi has asked the Clerk to download the relevant Transparency Code documents and he will arrange to have them uploaded.

56/16 Mayoral Chain refurbishment – Cllr Mrs Falp said she has received favourable comments about the refurbished chain.

62/16 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT

The income and expenditure report as at 15th March 2016 was forwarded to all Members. Overspends on insurance £14 and Kaspersky anti-virus £21 were both reported at previous meetings. An amount of £1071 has been

allocated to the telephone, stationery and office miscellaneous budgets to cover costs of the Whitnash Neighbourhood Plan.

The grits bins that were purchased recently will be installed in the next few weeks. Disabled ramp money that has been ring fenced needs to be spent.

63/16 UPDATED FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

NALC have produced a new version of the model Financial Regulations. Members were circulated a copy of the new version with proposed amendments in italics. The Clerk was asked to clarify with WALC if financial regulation 5.1 was a legal requirement or good practice.

Reply received from WALC 5/4/2016 - This is not a legal requirement just good practice.

64/16 BANK CHARGES

From 10 May 2016 our bank charges will be changing.

Our business accounts will be moved to a discounted tariff for the next 12 months and the tariff will include a 50% discount on monthly fee, cheques and cash deposited.

New account charges will be:

Charges	Current charges	Discounted tariff for next 12 months	Tariff after 12 months
Monthly account fee for current account	£50.82 <i>(from 1st April 2015 until 31/3/16).</i>	£3.25	£6.50
Monthly account fee for wages account	£12.60 <i>(from 1st April 2015 until 31/3/16).</i>	£3.25	£6.50
Electronic payments in or out		Free	Free
Cash payments (in or out) over £1500 per month		40p per £100	£1 (per £100) for the first £1500 per month 80p (per £100) for anything over £1500 per month
Cheques (in or out)	42p	32p	65p
Tele pay			32p
Direct debits	42p		

Members present proposed that the bank charges are accepted

65/16 COMMUNITY HUB FUNDING

Cllr Mrs Falp informed Members that the Whitnash Community Hub report will be going to Warwick District Council's executive meeting next Wednesday, 6th April 2016. If this report is accepted Warwick District will in principle make a grant offer of £0.5 million to help deliver a viable scheme along with S106 contributions for community facilities from various developments.

Cllr Mrs Falp said that Whitnash Town Council will have to fund a professional

Business Plan if grant applications were going to be submitted for additional funding for this project. Members agreed in principle that money from various sources in the current precept could be used for the Business Plan once quotations have been received. All Members present voted in favour. Cllr Franklin will enquire about the value of the land at Acre Close.

66/16 CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

67/16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on 19th May 2016 at 7.00 p.m.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed.

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