

**PEWSEY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON 17th JULY 2019
IN THE PARISH OFFICE, BOUVERIE HALL, PEWSEY**

PRESENT: Cllr Mrs Stevens (Chair), Cllr Ford, Cllrs Mrs Dalrymple, Mrs Saunders, Kerry Pycroft, Cllrs Carder, Del Mar, Eyles, Giles, Hagan, Haskell and Morris.

IN ATTENDANCE: Alison Kent (Clerk).

1. APOLOGIES: Cllrs Mrs Carmichael-Owen, Ann Hogg, Mrs Hunt, Cllrs Deck, McGarry, Smith and Stevens.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: All being in agreement, the minutes of the meeting held on 1st May 2019 were signed as a true record by the Chair.

4. FINANCE:

Current balances as at 17th July: Santander Current Account £50,363.19

Santander Community Instant Reserve Account: £70,165.00

Lloyds Business Account: £60,935.50

Lloyds Fixed Term Deposit: £0.00

Santander Community Instant Reserve Account (Admin): £7,105.05

Cllr Haskell stated that the Council would have a much larger figure transferred from Wiltshire Council in due course and monies would need to be placed carefully, probably in three accounts due to the banking guarantee. Interest rates were low, and councils did not have the same flexibility as individuals. Information would be sought in time for consideration at the next FSM meeting.

The budget sheet to 30th June had been circulated to all members with accompanying notes. Cllr Kerry Pycroft queried the budget of £400 budget for the Market Place/Riverside Walk and what it was to be used for as she may have some plans to bring forward.

Authorisation of payments as listed were proposed by Cllr Mrs Stevens, seconded Cllr Mrs Dalrymple, all in favour.

There were no quotations for acceptance.

5. TO CONSIDER DONATION REQUESTS: None.

6. ONGOING AND FUTURE PROJECTS:

Anti-Dog fouling campaign – Cllr Kerry Pycroft advised that the winning posters were in the process of being placed around shops and premises, the labels were to put on all the litter bins and the signs would most likely be put around play areas and the existing plain ones moved to other areas. Two new litter bins had been purchased and would be sited on known hotspots in the village. Further publicity would take place.

Memorial Bench in the Market Place - Cllr Mrs Stevens informed members that Cllr Stevens had painted the concrete base green and Cllr Mrs Dalrymple would speak with Pewsey Vale School about painting the poppies which were anticipated for completion in time for 11th November. Thanks was expressed to Daniel Bond Decorators for getting the paint donated by Brewers, Swindon.

7. CORRESPONDENCE: An allotment holder had written querying whether the water bills were paid by all holders or distributed amongst those only with access. The clerk confirmed that none of the water bills had been charged to those who had water keys as the amounts had been so low. Cllr Morris said that he had been asked about this on numerous occasions by allotment holders. A response would be sent back to the holder, clearly stating that the Parish Council had, and would continue at present, to meet the cost of the water bill and not the allotment holders. It would remain every holder's responsibility to minimise water usage.

8. FULL COUNCIL INFORMATION: Cllr Haskell informed members that a further, exploratory meeting had taken place with Wiltshire Council officers to discuss various elements of the Service Devolution and Asset Transfer process. The Parish Council had been offered £6,000, which had been made available to Wiltshire Council from central government, that could be spent as soon as possible but only on the Wiltshire Council owned play areas. Cllr Stevens had been made aware of this and was looking into possible proposals. Two quotes had been obtained for solicitors and hopefully a third one would also be supplied. The two were dramatically different so further discussion would need to take place before a quote was accepted. Cllr Del Mar felt it would be prudent to request a fee cap.

9. ITEMS VIA THE CLERK: The Clerk reminded members there was no meeting next week and that she would be on holiday. She also reminded members of the re-chalking of the Alton White Horse on 19th July from 10am, with the chalk being brought in by two Chinook helicopters which would be quite a spectacle.

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 7.25pm after thanking members for attending.

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