

PEWSEY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON 29th JANUARY 2020
IN THE PARISH OFFICE, BOUVERIE HALL, PEWSEY

PRESENT: Cllr Mrs Stevens (Chair), Cllr Ford, Cllrs Mrs Carmichael-Owen, Ann Hogg, Kerry Pycroft, Mrs Saunders, Cllrs Carder, Deck, Eyles, Hagan, Haskell, McGarry, Smith and Stevens.

IN ATTENDANCE: Alison Kent (Clerk).

1. APOLOGIES: Cllr Mrs Dalrymple, Mrs Hunt, Cllrs Del Mar, Giles, Morris and Smithers.

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 20th November 2019 were signed as a true record by the Chair.

4. FINANCE:

Current balances as at 29th January: Santander Current Account £19,747.22

Santander Community Instant Reserve Account: £90,386.20

Lloyds Business Account: £60,896.50

Lloyds Fixed Term Deposit: £0.00

Santander Community Instant Reserve Account (Admin): £7,117.60

Cllr Ford commented that as there was over £85,000 in the Reserve Account that some should be transferred back to the current account to meet the savings guarantee. Cllr Ann Hogg asked then when the anticipated S.106 monies were received that it should be in separate accounts to the main ones and to look at longer term deposits for greater interest rates. Cllr Mrs Stevens agreed this would be looked into.

The budget sheet to 31st December had been circulated to all members. Cllr Ann Hogg felt that the precept figure should be included from now on. She also raised a question about how the Village Ranger budget had been split with it now shown partly in the repairs budget for the materials used. The legal fees for service devolution and asset transfer would need to come from the general reserves as they had not been shown in the precept budget. Cllr Deck had previously asked for a small budget for the Neighbourhood Development Plan review and this would be created. Cllr Mrs Saunders questioned the costs associated with the telephone/broadband and the bespoke IT software used as they appeared to be high. The clerk would circulate details of the current contracts. Cllr Kerry Pycroft asked how many fire extinguishers the council owned, the clerk replied there were two in the office and two in the chapel.

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

Concern was raised about the electricity bill for the community bookshop, the clerk would investigate the level of use.

There were no quotations for acceptance.

5. TO CONSIDER DONATION REQUESTS: None.

6. ONGOING AND FUTURE PROJECTS:

Anti-Dog fouling campaign – the clerk advised there was a major problem with dog fouling on the Youth Football Club pitches. Cllr Stevens suggested that the council should help with the installation of CCTV on site, with the possibility of making it moveable if required. Cllr Ford felt the council should investigate how prosecutions could take place. Cllr Smith reminded members that zones were initially suggested for parish council owned land; red zones for no dogs allowed; amber zones for dogs allowed on leads and green zones for dogs allowed off lead. Where signs had been erected, such as at the Heritage Centre, the level of fouling had declined. The clerk said it did open the wider discussion into Public Space Protection Orders, the issuing of Penalty Charge and enforcement.

Cllr Stevens proposed that the council purchase a CCTV system for the Youth Football Club, seconded Cllr Ann Hogg, all in favour. Cllr Eyles would lead on this.

The Village Ranger would be asked to check and replace all the stickers that had been put up.

Memorial Bench in the Market Place – Cllr Stevens was liaising with Pewsey Vale School and meeting with them to agree what would be done.

Business Plan – a draft had been circulated to all members with a few minor changes to make. Cllr Haskell noted that no mention had been made of the rural housing survey or that the council was supporting the principal of the Community Land Trust. Cllr Smith stated that it was a fine, aspirational piece of work although he felt it was not strategic enough. There were no actions or details of how the council would be able to achieve these things. There were limited costings with no timeline or priorities. Cllr Deck stated that if the committee wished the document to be done in a different way then a new sub-committee should be formed.

Cllr Deck proposed that a sub-committee be formed, seconded Cllr Smith, all in favour. This would be added to the next Full Council agenda to establish the membership.

The clerk would chase up the water fountain grant application with Wessex Water. Cllr Kerry Pycroft mentioned the Tea Rooms were taking part in the water refill scheme.

7. CORRESPONDENCE: None.

8. FULL COUNCIL INFORMATION: Cllr Haskell had nothing to report

9. ITEMS VIA THE CLERK: None.

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 7.43pm after thanking members for attending.

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