

FLITTON AND GREENFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Finance Committee held at 70 Wardhedges Road, Flitton on Monday 6 July 2015

Present: Councillors N. Arthur, N Thompson (ex officio), P Woodland, T King and G Ellis

Also Present: D Lawson: Clerk to the Council

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Councillor Arthur was nominated by Cllr Ellis and seconded by Cllr Woodland and duly elected as Chair of the Committee.

2. APOLOGIES AND SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

There were no apologies and the Clerk declared an interest in any matters pertaining to the Church Hall.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on April 2015 were approved and signed as a correct record of the meeting

4. REQUEST(S) FOR FUNDING

(i) The Committee considered the request for funding made by the Mid Beds CAB and following discussion agreed to award £200. This was based on the fact that a discernible need could be shown for the service in the Parish and should this change in the future, and then any grant would be adjusted accordingly.

(ii) The Committee considered the request for funding made by the Full House Theatre Company and members were not convinced that there would be sufficient demand for a performance in the Parish. It appeared from the application that they needed a full subsidy to put on a free performance and there was concern that this may be a risk and therefore an inappropriate way to spend public funds. The Committee however were prepared to subsidise the cost of a venue for the performance and if an event were to be successfully held to consider whether funding may be granted in the future.

(iii) The Chairman raised the issue of support to Houghton Conquest Fete Committee following the loss of their Fete funds in a burglary. Members felt that the loss should be advertised on the Parish website to make members of the public aware of their plight and the 'Just Giving' page

RESOLVED

That a grant of £200 be paid to Mid Beds CAB

5. S106 FUNDING FOR RECREATION AND COMMUNITY HALLS

(i) The Committee noted with appreciation that the S106 funding for outdoor gym equipment and bench seats had been approved as part of the S106 funding application.

Following consultation with residents at Wardhedges Road, It was agreed that an additional bench should be purchased and funds taken out of the contingency fund.

(ii) The application for Community Funds for the Church Hall was approved by the Committee to be submitted to Central Beds Council.

RESOLVED

(i) It was noted that an additional bench should be ordered

(ii) The Church hall bid to the S106 Community Hall fund was agreed.

6. QUARTERLY ACCOUNTS REPORT and BANK RECONCILIATION (i) The Clerk presented the Q1 accounts and these were discussed. Possible additional spending at the Allotments was discussed and this was left for Cllr Ellis to finalise

(ii) The quarterly reconciliation showed a correct balance and this was noted.

7 REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

The changes to the previously adopted Standing Orders and Financial Regulations, including the Code of Conduct Annex were noted and the documents were agreed

RESOLVED

The revised version of the Council's Standing Orders and Financial Regulations, including the Code of Conduct Annex were agreed for adoption by the Council

8. ANNUAL RETURN FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2015

The Chairman had already signed part of the Annual Return at the last Council meeting, but not all. It was formally agreed by the Committee ready for submission to the Council's external Auditor. The Asset Register was agreed in its current format, as the records to ascertain the dates acquired, purchase cost and location of each asset within the financial year were not available.

9. ELECTRICITY SUPPLY AT TELEPHONE BOX

The current situation was noted including lack of any formal invoice from the electricity company.

10. INFORMATION ITEMS

There were no items for information

10 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Noted

Dated this 21st day of October 2015

Signed

Chair of Finance Committee