

MINUTES OF HORSMONDEN PARISH COUNCIL

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL at 2.30 P.M. ON FRIDAY 30TH JUNE 2017

Present: Councillors Russell (Chair), Richards, Davis, and March

In attendance: Lucy Noakes (Clerk)
0 members of the public.

Declarations of Interest:

Declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests in accordance with the Code of Conduct were invited.
None were recorded.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

2. ELECTION OF FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR

Cllr Davis proposed that Cllr Russell be appointed Chair. This was seconded by Cllr Richards, unanimous, and the appointment accepted by Cllr Russell.

3. MONITORING OF EXPENDITURE AGAINST BUDGET

The Councillors went through each item on the council's budget measuring the expenditure so far against expected expenditure for the year. Comments were made on the following:

Village Hall expenditure: a new notice board for the exterior should be explored as the clerk is having difficulty keeping the pins in the current board, as well as problems with the doors and locking mechanism.

Public conveniences: EDF invoice recently received did not include VAT – clerk to look into reclaiming VAT for this. Also it was suggested that the clerk should obtain quotations for retender of the electricity contract for the public conveniences and street lighting.

Village Green electricity box – clerk to remind Susie Roberts about money owing for Bicycle race from green, as this had not been received yet (VH committee also still awaiting their money for chair hire.)

Village Green – (conservation area map) - clerk to remind Nigel Foster that spacers need to go in between perspex and map this time. Cllr Davis to see if he can get another print of the map.

The Committee also looked at Reserves and Cllr Russell proposed that the reserve for 'Village Green seats' and 'Village Green Posts' be transferred to a new heading – 'Village Green Furniture' . This was seconded by Cllr Davis. Unanimous

Cllr March reminded the Clerk that the Community Toilet Scheme monies should be claimed for 2017/18 from TWBC.

4. EXAMINATION OF HOVEC ACCOUNTS 2016/17

The Committee looked at the accounts for 2016/17 presented by HoVEC, showing their total income and expenditure for the year and itemising expenditure and income. Cllr Russell proposed that the

HoVEC accounts be accepted as being well managed and as showing a healthy balance of funds held against future events. Seconded Cllr Davis, unanimous.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS (Discussion only)

The Clerk had received and circulated the internal auditors report for 2016/17 which indicated that as a whole, the internal auditor was very satisfied with the way things were managed by the council. However the auditor did suggest that the council might at some point wish to look at the possibility of changing to Unity Bank or another bank offering on line services for councils, and it was suggested that the clerk add this to the agenda for September 2017 for discussion by the full parish council.

The meeting ended at 4.15pm

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