

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

MINUTES of the Wrockwardine Wood & Trench Parish Council Extra-ordinary Finance Committee Meeting held on Thursday 25th July 2019 at the Parish Council Centre, Church Road, Wrockwardine Wood at 2.00pm.

PRESENT: Cllr's. Mrs S.A. Watkins (Chair), F. Doran, L. Madeley and C. Smith,

19/1109 Welcome by the Chairman

Councillor Anne Watkins welcomed everyone to the meeting.

19/1110 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Helen Smith.

19/1111 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

None were disclosed.

19/1112 ID Verde contract

The Clerk reported that she had received a quote of £9706.67 + VAT to hire a man and a van for a three-month period from ID Verde to catch up with outstanding environmental maintenance work from mid-August to mid-October.

The Finance Committee discussed what work would be undertaken by the operative and whether there is enough work to keep him occupied for 3 months.

Work required included:

- Strimming alleyways
- Cutting back hedges
- Cutting down overhanging trees
- Groundwork in Holy Trinity Churchyard

The Committee asked the Clerk to contact ID Verde to see if the operative can cut back larger hedges and trees at height. The Clerk spoke to Paul Smith at ID Verde and he confirmed that the operative would not be able to work at height unless specifically trained.

RESOLVED that the Finance Committee decided not to take on an operative for three months at this point in time, but will go back to Dave Hanley/Kay Grice to get some of the work undertaken as part of the current Telford & Wrekin Contract with ID Verde as they were promised an enhanced service under the new contractor.

19/1113 Holy Trinity Churchyard

The Committee discussed the Parish Councils responsibilities for maintaining Holy Trinity Churchyard, Wrockwardine Wood and consulted historic documents that referred to the original agreement.

There is a large tree at the back of the churchyard that is causing problems overshadowing a bungalow nearby. There are also large amounts of ivy in that area which has spread along the fencing of the bungalow, but a survey last year by tree officers pointed out that the removal of the ivy would probably cause the

fence to collapse, therefore, liability for its replacement needed to be confirmed.

The Clerk was asked to contact ID Verde's tree surgeon to consider all options and to write to the owners of the bungalow to notify them that the Parish Council are only liable for land up to the wire boundary so if the fence collapses when the ivy is removed it will be their responsibility to replace it.

Councillor C. Smith recommended that the Parish Council purchase annual flowering plants and bulbs for the memorial garden via a catalogue in the autumn, rather than purchasing bedding out plants. Lime trees at the top of the churchyard need to be cut back in the autumn too.

19/1114 Christmas Party

The Christmas Party Committee meeting arranged for 28th May was cancelled as it was not quorate, therefore the Clerk asked the committee to confirm the venue for this year's Christmas Party as a matter of urgency so that she can secure a booking with a hotel. Three quotes were obtained from local hotels to provide a 3 course Christmas lunch including room hire.

RESOLVED: that the Committee agreed to hold the Senior Citizens Christmas Party at Telford Centre Hotel, formerly known as the Park Inn on Sunday 1st December 2019.

The Clerk was tasked with finding a suitable DJ to provide entertainment and bingo at the event.

19/1115 Suspension of Standing Orders

RESOLVED: that the committee agreed to suspend Standing Orders to discuss an urgent item of business raised by the Clerk.

19/1116 Moving of Speed Indicator Device

West Mercia Local Policing Team have approached the Clerk to request the use of the SID for Moss Road to address speeding issues. This will now incur a fee of up to £150, the Clerk requested permission to pay for the SID to be installed in Moss Road for a 4-week period and then moved to Wombridge Road.

RESOLVED: that the Committee agreed for the Clerk to have the SID installed in Moss Road by the bus shelter for 4 weeks before moving it to Wombridge Road.

The Committee asked the Clerk to contact the Community Safety Partnership to Request that they install an Automatic Traffic Counter (ATC) at the bottom of Wombridge Road to access speeding traffic.

19/1117 Date & Venue of the next meeting

3rd September 2019 in the Parish Meeting Room at 7pm.

Meeting finished at 3.10pm.

Signed.....
Chair.

Date