

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

MINUTES of the Wrockwardine Wood & Trench Parish Council Finance Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd December 2019 at the Parish Council Centre, Church Road, Wrockwardine Wood at 6.00pm.

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

19/1104 Welcome by the Vice- Chairman

Councillor Watkins welcomed everyone to the meeting.

19/1105 Apologies

All Councillors present.

19/1106 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

None were disclosed.

19/1107 Minutes of the previous meeting on the 29th October 2019

The Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 29th October 2019 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

19/1108 Saving account

The Clerk updated that the Nationwide Building Society Business Savings Account is now open and asked the Committee to agree how much money should be transferred into the 95-day saver account

RESOLVED – that the Committee agreed to transfer £80,000, from earmarked reserves into the Nationwide Building Society Business Savings Account until 31 March 2020.

19/1109 Budget update

The Clerk distributed a copy of the budget to date and gave an overview of the amount spent. The Committee discussed the document and made comments.

RESOLVED: that the refurbishment of the parish toilets has now been completed and the Committee agreed to pay the balance of the invoice of £3565.

Councillor Madeley asked why money received for the hire of the parish meeting room does not cover the cost of caretaking. A breakdown of costs to be presented at the next Finance Committee meeting.

The Committee discussed the cost of hiring an Environmental Operative for a 12-month period at a cost of £38,560.14 +VAT. Alternative options included hiring an operative for specific tasks or sharing an operative with a neighbouring Parish Council on a 2.5 day a week basis.

RESOLVED: that the Committee recommended that the Clerk formally approach Oakengates Town Council to see if they would agree to enter into a contract with ID Verde to hire Roger for a 12-month period, shared on a 50/50 basis, 2.5 days per week.

Discussions took place around the removal of the bus stop outside Holy Trinity Church, Church Road, Wrockwardine Wood. The Clerk has received a quote from Telford & Wrekin Councils Highways Department of approx. £5000 to remove the bus stop and reinstate the highway..

RESOLVED: that the Committee recommended that the work to remove the bus stop is undertaken using reserves, to ease parking outside the church.

19/1110 Precept for 2020/2021

The Clerk distributed a copy of the precept for the current year to all present and members made recommendations.

RESOLVED: that the Committee agreed to keep the precept for 2020/2021 at the same amount as the previous year at £115,992.

19/1111 Meeting Room Hire

The Clerk asked the Committee to consider a request to hire the Parish Meeting Room on a daily basis to run an after-school club. Councillor Madeley raised several concerns and it was agreed that the item should be put on the agenda for the next Full Council meeting..

19/1112 Date & Venue of the next meeting

Tuesday 10th December at 7pm.

Meeting finished at 6.45pm.

Signed.....
Chair.

Date