



Minutes of a Meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held at the Eco Hub, Stocks Lane, Gamlingay on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 7.30pm

Present: C Smith (Chair), J McGeady, T Goss, P Webb. Clerks L Bacon and K Rayner.

1. Resolved to receive apologies for absence from A Foster and S Groom
2. To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda -none
- 2.1 To receive written requests for dispensations for disc losable pecuniary interests (if any)
- 2.2 To grant any requests for dispensations as appropriate.
3. **Resolved** to approve and sign the Minutes of the F&GP meeting held 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2018 and to note the Full Council minutes of 13<sup>th</sup> February 2018 and to consider any matters arising. Noted Rainbow Pre School will be removing and reinstalling canopy from WI hall this weekend. Noted L Wright + 1 attending SCDC community awards ceremony. Noted flash sale of goods at WI hall raised around £40. Noted that Council has in fact been selected for cleaner communities pilot scheme – meeting to be arranged to discuss date and locations for litter picking and environmental action day i. Quote and details from LCPAS for Data Protection Officer Service. Resolved to approve use of external agency support with on site visit for first year at £300. Agreement to be signed at April meeting.
4. To receive any representations from Members of the Public and Press relating to items of business on this agenda during a ten-minute Open Forum. None.
5. **Finance:**
- 5.1 **Resolved** to approve the following:
  - i. Payments 410 -420
  - ii. Bank reconciliations December 2017. January 2018 to a following meeting
  - iii. To note date of interim internal audit visit of 28<sup>th</sup> March
  - iv. Annual Investment Strategy review. Noted full review due Sept but debit card application now not being pursued due to no limit on daily expenditure being possible
  - v. Grant applications for consideration. Resolved to grant £100 to the Firefighters Fund by way of thanks to the Christmas lights volunteers (nominated charity), decline Cambridgeshire Search and Rescue, decline Gamlingay Players, decline Autism Beds, decline Parish of Gamlingay with Hatley St George and East Hatley PCC, £220 to Rainbow Pre School, £100 to Rainbows (Guides), £100 to Gamlingay and Gransden Scouts, decline East Anglian Children's Hospice and £500 to Gamlingay' s Out of School Club. Reasons for decline – only £1000 available this time, resolved to divide between new and very local groups. Noted that to PCC, S137 is the only power that could be used. Players – available funding could not make significant contribution towards lighting identified.
6. **General purpose**
- 6.1 Recreation spaces/community buildings
  - i. Cemeteries and Churchyards. Ash removal St Mary's – update. Noted PCC had to get additional permission from Diocese prior to works. In future all relevant permissions should be put in place by PCC prior to applying to the Parish Council. This will be added to the tree policy.
  - ii. Hub – Minutes of PCLC meeting 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018. Noted. Concern that income will decrease significantly with withdrawal of nursery and that the Finance Support Agreement with GCC Ltd agrees that GPC will deficit fund any shortfall. Agreed that GPC needs to engage with assisting GCC to find replacement hirers – TG suggested that small serviced offices/hot desking may be an option. All ideas to be communicated to SG who will be marketing the space once it has been deep cleaned and minor repairs completed.



- iii. Old Methodist Chapel – renewal of electricity contract. Noted signed 1 year day/night rate contract, which should bring cost savings.
  - iv. WI hall – Update on debtor (Sunshine Pre School). Noted email says that redundancy payments will be serviced first from any residual funds. Auction details. 14<sup>th</sup> March auction. Legal pack on website. Reserve £150-£175k. Some early interest shown. Capital receipt will not cover entire outstanding PWLB loan amount.
- 6.2 Highways
- i. Church St Parking – update on funding. Not yet released. Kier have asked for detailed confirmation that Merton have approved the scheme and that full consultation has been undertaken. This has been sent or requested. LB has asked County Councillor S Kindersley to intervene to move things forward. County officer has requested a meeting to discuss the scheme.
  - ii Footpath proposal Everton Road – feedback from meeting 20.2.2018. County are putting £9k in, GPC £5k. CBC has been asked to contribute £4k. Hopeful of finding shortfall to deliver phase 1 (£20k) within 6 months. Contributions from developers of new build properties in the vicinity have been requested and chased. TG noted that the maps clearly show the County boundary to be at the roadside, so much of the path is actually in CBC's area. KR explained that there is an agreement that CCC will take responsibility to adopt and maintain the footpath in this area once delivered.
- 6.3 Publications and communications
- i. Proposal for logo design service for consideration. Resolved to approve cost to produce 3 designs for consideration after May election.
- 6.4 South Cambs District Council – to note any items. Noted Community awards ceremony in March.
- 7. Staff and Councillor matters – Annual leave request approved
  - 8. Routine Correspondence – available in the office. Noted
  - 9. Items for the next meeting – Housing Needs Survey results. APM topics suggestions and themes.
  - 10. Dates of next meetings: -Planning and Full Council Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2018. next F and GP 27<sup>th</sup> March 2018. Noted.
  - 12. Record Closure time of meeting.8.30pm

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