

Minutes of Old Marston Parish Council Finance Committee 21st December 2016 at 2:20pm in the Upstairs Room of the Church Hall.

Present:

Pat Hall (PH) (Chairman) Nils Bartleet (NB) Angie Tiwari (AT)
Tim Cann (Clerk)

Members of the Public: 0

As the business to be transacted at this meeting was discussing the setting of the budget and precept the public was excluded.

FIN16/12/01 – Intentions to record the meeting: None.

FIN16/12/02 – Apologies: Mick Cadd. The Clerk informed the Committee that Charlie Haynes had resigned with immediate effect.

FIN16/12/03 – Minutes of the meeting of the 28th October 2016: PH proposed. AT seconded. It was RESOLVED that the minutes be accepted.

FIN16/12/04 – Matters arising: None.

FIN 16/12/05 Draft Budget: The Clerk went through the draft budget he had prepared, attached. NB queried the chairman's expenses and the Clerk clarified. PH asked if weed killing can be included in the Cemetery budget at least when the contracts come up for review. PH proposed that the draft budget be recommended to the full council. AT seconded. It was RESOLVED to recommend to full Council acceptance of the draft budget.

FIN16/12/06 Precept: The Clerk went through the options for increasing the precept, attached. PH proposed recommending a 3% increase in the precept to the full Council. NB seconded. It was RESOLVED to recommend a 3% increase in the precept to the full council.

FIN16/12/07 Grants:

- a. FOSNS – Have asked for £300 towards resources for the school library, buying more books for the main library and the bus, including some “non-traditional” books like annuals which particularly encourage readers who do not engage with more traditional books. – AGREED**
- b. OXSRAD – Have asked for £300 towards awareness and funding material for the reception area to make more people aware that it is not a council ran facility and rely on donations. – AGREED**
- c. OMMLAA – Have asked for £300 towards scalping to level rutted and water-logged paths and hiring of power tools to cut hedges, dead trees and ivy. – AGREED**
- d. St John Ambulance Northway Cadet Unit – Have asked for £300 towards rent so they can teach 10 – 18 year olds lifesaving technics – AGREED**
- e. Marston Times – Have asked for £300 towards printing – AGREED**

- f. St Nicholas School Garden Club – Have asked for £300 towards maintaining the garden, raised beds, tools and equipment needed for gardening – AGREED**
 - g. St Nicholas Church Junior Choir – Have asked for £300 towards RSCM Training courses and Silver Award RSCM Music – AGREED**
- TOTAL - £2,130**

FIN16/12/08 Information Sharing –

The Clerk advised that he had heard from VAL Longford of the Over 50's who was not in the best of health and standing down, as yet they had not been able to find a replacement so their committee had advised not to apply for any grant just yet. The Clerk had written a letter to Val wishing her well and sent her a 2017 calendar.

He had also received an enquiry about funding from a teacher at St Nicholas Primary School however no application form had been completed yet so would have to be deferred to a future meeting.

He had also received a letter from Rachel Crouch, headteacher at St Nicholas Primary School, asking for help in funding their outdoor play area which due to flooding had become unsafe. They are looking for £20,000 to replace the surface. PH advised that the school had just been awarded a Lottery funding although she did not know how much or whether it was for anything specific. The Clerk would contact Rachel Crouch to find out more.

Ended: 3:25

Date of Next Meeting: TBC