

Wetheral Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Finance and Grants Committee held on Wednesday 13th June 2017 at 9.30am.

Chairman; Cllr Dodd

Present:

Cllr Hughes
Cllr Poole
Cllr Bainbridge
Cllr Pattinson

F&G 01/17 Appointment of Chairman

Resolved to appoint Cllr Dodd as Chairman for the ensuing year.

F&G 02/17 Apologies

All were present.

F&G 03/17 Declaration of Interest

Cllr Dodd declared an interest in agenda item 7a.

Cllr Poole declared an interest in agenda item 7c.

F&G 04/17 Request for Dispensation

No requests for dispensation were made

F&G 05/17 Minutes of the Finance & Grants Meeting of April 27th 2017.

Resolved to authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 27th April 2017 and that they were confirmed as a true and accurate record.

F&G 06/17 Financial Review

Noted to receive the balance at the bank dated 31st May 2017.

Current Account	£46,061.82
Deposit Account	£128,843.79
Cumberland BS	£6,0030.40
Total in the bank	£180,936.01 (not reconciled)

F&G 07/17 Five-year plan expenditure/ Projects

- (i) Update on the 5-year plan
 - a. Committees to review the 5-year spending plan in September/October-reminder to be sent out.
 - b. Cemetery expenditure totals £7100 this year, Clerk to update the record. To include additional expenditure for S Bamber for training, review the need for top soil in the extension at the Cemetery walkabout Wednesday 14th June.
 - c. Add tree work general as a category.
 - d. Increase fixed cost by 2% each year.
- (ii) (ii) Update members on current projects;
 - a. Bus shelter – Warwick on Eden –**Resolved** due to the requirement for a road safety survey is required at a cost of £1000 and likely to indication is refusal from Steve Mitchinson, Roadlink, not to proceed with this project.

All Resolutions are subject to ratification by the Full Council

Clerk & RFO Sue Tarrant

- -F&GP

Chairman Chris Dodd

- b. Scotby Project.
An update was given by Cllr Hughes- Plans are ready for submission for full planning. Football pitch, grass growing and looking good, 2 months behind schedule but hoped that the cricket club will be able to play on the field before the end of the season.
There issues with stones, these will be removed. Further advice sought regarding cutting. The existing pavilion will remain throughout the build.
Additional funding required- Noted a presentation will be given to the Graham Trust on 4th July 2017.
- c. Additional expenditure.
Noted – additional expenditure for fencing for the Scotby field and staff cross over of Assistant Clerk.

F&G 08/17 Grants and Donations to be considered;

- a. **Resolved** to grant £200 Great Corby village hall towards a new cooker for the village hall.
- b. **Resolved** to grant £5000 (£15,000 in total) each year for 3 years to the Down a Gate Community Centre towards the centre re-build.
- c. Warwick on Eden memorial Hall – towards centre redecoration; **Resolved** to refuse the application as this would set a precedent for other village halls. It was suggested that applications are made to the District Councillors small scale fund.

F&G 09/17 Expenditure Requests from Committees

- (i) Cemetery – Atlantic Geomatics - £2384 for input and photographing the memorials; **Resolved** to approve the additional expenditure of £384.
- (ii) Rights of Way
 - a. Notice board, slabs £150 Rookery Green, Scotby; **Resolved** as this would set a precedent for all notice boards in the Parish, expenditure will not be authorised.
 - b. Cocklakes directional sign. (refurbishment, permits, physical movement £1800) **Resolved** to accept the County Councils offer to install a standard village road sign, this will not incur any expenditure from the council.

F&G 10/17 Grass Cutting Contract

Resolved;

- (i) To review the grass cutting requirements for the Scotby field and pitches.
- (ii) Clerk to investigate the use of the national procurement system for the grass tendering, as well as sending to local contractors.
- (iii) Tenders to be issued to contractors in July to be returned by the end of August 2017. Contract to be awarded in September 2017 for a 3-year term with an option to extend for a further 2 years.
- (iv) Tender to be on a fixed price basis.

Next meeting TBA.