

SHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 27 October 2016 in Shorne Village Hall

PRESENT Mr R Theobald (Chairman)
 Mr J Bugg
 Mr R Lane
 Mr M Redfern
 M R Hardy
 Mrs S Lindley
 Miss P Clifton

APOLOGIES for absence were received from Mr R Cooper and
 Mr C Rea

1 Swearing-In of New Co-Opted Members

Mr R Hardy was sworn-in, in the presence of the Clerk.

2 Report of 2016/2017 Half-Yearly Expenditure

The Clerk presented a report on expenditure for the first half of the year compared with the estimates which was noted.

3 Review of Estimates for 2016/2017

The forecast of expenditure for the second half year was considered and the likely outturn for the year. The following items of expenditure were noted as likely to occur in the next half-year:-

- (a) The eleventh and twelfth repayments to the Public Works Loan Board on 24 September 2016 for £1623.48 and 24 March 2017 for £1623.48 = £3246.96.

It was noted that the end of year expenditure for 2016/2017 was forecast as £25,702.80 with a residual balance of £17,531.79.

4 Estimates for 2017/2018

The likely expenditure for 2017/2018 was reviewed.

- (a) Bus Shelter Cleaner - Salary to be increased to £252.00 per annum (ie £63.00 per quarter).
- (b) Provision for an increase has been allowed for in the budget for the Clerk's Salary.
- (c) It was noted that expenditure on the Lower Thames Crossing was taken from 'Contingencies'.
- (d) It was noted that expenditure for the new computer was taken from 'Contingencies'. It was AGREED to RECOMMEND to Council the draft estimates for the year 2016/2017 in accordance with the schedule.

5 Precept for the Year 2017/2018

It was noted that the total planned expenditure for 2017/2018 was £26,758.96.

It was further noted that the forecast balance for the year ending 2016/2017 was £25,702.80.

It was AGREED to recommend to the Council that a Precept for the sum of £27,000.00 be submitted to Gravesham Borough Council for the year 2017/2018.

6 Any Other Business

- (a) Mr Theobald reported that he had received a complaint from a Higham resident that trees had been felled across the line of a footpath and a barbed wire fence had been erected at Courtwood, off Pear Tree Lane. It was noted the paths in Courtwood are not on the Definitive Map. The DCPS had collected affidavits in the past when paths were obstructed. The Parish Council needs to collect evidence from people who have walked the paths in order to make an application to add them to the Definitive Map. It was suggested that a leaflet drop should be made to residents in Walmers Avenue in Higham and residents along the Gravesend Road.
- (b) It was reported that cars had been being vandalised in The Street on the night of Thursday 20 October 2016. Eleven cars had been damaged and one had had its window smashed. A discussion took place regarding the possibility of installing CCTV cameras in the area. It was suggested that residents be consulted. Mr Lane agreed to contact the police to see what they can do and if the Parish Council could install cameras.
- (c) Miss Clifton raised the matter of provision of a defibrillator in the parish. It was noted that a number of parishes had obtained them. There was some discussion regarding training in use of the equipment, siting etc were raised. The Village Hall was a possible site. It was agreed to ask the Parish Council's representatives to raise the question of the possible provision of a defibrillator in the Hall at the next Village Hall Management Committee meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.22pm