

Whittlesey Town Council

FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Finance & Policy Committee held on Monday 18th November 2019 at 6.30 at Peel House, 8 Queen Street, Whittlesey, PE7 1AY

Present: Cllr Boden, Mason, Miscandlon, Mrs Mayor, Dorling, Davies

Officer in Attendance Mrs Sue Piergianni – Town Clerk & RFO

Recording: The recording is made as an aide memoir for the Clerk and will be deleted once the minutes have been typed.

FP93/19 - To receive apologies from absent Members.

Cllr Bristow (Personal)

FP94/19.- Declaration of Members Pecuniary Interests, on items to be discussed later in the agenda and the Council to decide which items are to be discussed as confidential under agenda item number FP92/40.

There were no declarations

FP95/19 – Public Forum - 10 Minutes

Cllr Wicks – Requested that grit bins being installed at Blackbush Drove near the railway crossing and Cambers Drove exit to the B1040. Cost of £140.00 plus VAT per bin, the quote also includes ongoing filling.

Cllr Gerstner – Asked the council to consider interactive signs for the B1040 and Northbank, and requested a scoping exercise be undertaken by the F & P committee

FP96/19 - To confirm and sign the Minutes from the last meeting of the Finance & Policy on Monday 21st October 2019

Ratified: The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

FP97/19. Financials. –

- Bank Reconciliation for year-end 31st March 2020 – the accounting period was to the 31st October 2019. These figures were received and approved at Full Council on 13th November 2019. Members requested that the Mayors allowance is paid quarterly, the Clerk to set up a Standing Order for the next Mayor
- Variance reports – as per Full Council on 13th November 2019
- Year to date Figures - as per Full Council on 13th November 2019
- Payment List for approval - as per Full Council on 13th November 2019
- Uncashed Payments – there were no uncashed payments.

FP98/19 Agenda Items for Discussion

- LHI Station Road – Cllr Mrs Mayor has spoken to Jacob Hobbs CCC and advised this would be discussed at F & P (18/11/19), with further discussion at Full Council in December. The total cost would be 46K, with a contribution from CCC of 15k, the balance of 31K to be paid by Whittlesey Town Council.

Cllr Dorling was concerned about the dangers of the crossing being this close to the Manor could CCC enlighten the council on the potential dangers. Members were also concerned about the location, it was suggested that if the crossing was situated at a different location on Station road,

the cost may be reduced. Members agreed to defer this to Full Council, Cllr Miscandlon proposed rejection of this scheme because of the cost, seconded Cllr Davies, three in favour, two abstentions.

- Budget 2020/21 – CB

LHI process for interactive signs for B1040 and North bank, Cllr Boden will endeavour to get this included in the project work with Kings Dyke Bridge. He will raise this with CCC project board in December. Cllr Mrs Mayor asked if the EA could be contacted and asked to contribute, Cllr Boden will investigate this and report back to F & P.

Code 80 – NHP request from Cllr Mrs Laws that 15K be put in the budget.

New Code – Villages, suggested by Cllr Wicks and put 5K into the budget. Cllr Boden suggested that each ward be given a figure, it is too late for the 2020/21 budget, but could be considered for the 21/22 budget

Code 50 grass cutting, code 52 for hanging baskets, code 86 hedging at the allotments, Cllr Whitwell suggested a 10% increase to the contract price.

Code 82 – Cllr Mrs Mayor will endeavour to obtain sponsors again this year thus not increasing the budget on Music Festivals.

Code 95 – nothing in the budget this year, but leave the line in.

Code 66 – CAB – suggested new figure of 6k.

Code 78 – Pension Cllr Boden advised members the contractual obligation by the council employer contribution is 36.5%.

Cllr Dorling requested 10K be put in for climate change, it would be used for voluntary groups.

Cllr Mason – asked people to keep their ears to the ground for prospective tenants for the commercial offices, we are looking at rentals of £200, £325 and £350 respectively.

Cllr Boden discussed the grit bins for the two locations suggested by Cllr Wicks. This was proposed by Cllr Mrs Mayor, seconded Cllr Miscandlon with a unanimous vote in favour. Cllr Wicks to furnish the Clerk with maps showing the locations to enable her to order them from CCC

FP99/19- Donation Requests.

There were no donation requests


FP100/19 – Information


There was no information

FP101/19– Date of Next Meeting – 16th December 2019

FP102/19. Exclusion of the Public, including the Press.

Meeting Closed 7.30


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Cllr Boden
Chairman
Finance & Policy Committee


11th Dec 2019