

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 15th April 2019

Present Jim Gillett (Chair), Paul Mundy, James Bell, Claire Andersen, Jane Hartley and Pat Sutlieff

Apologies for Absence Jackie Jeffery, Greg Elphick, Daljit Ryatt

Absent Adrian Keward

7232/19 Open Forum – There were no residents present

7233/19 Declarations of Interest – There were no declarations of interest

7234/19 Minutes of the Meeting held on 18th March 2019 – These minutes were approved by Council.

FINANCE

7235/19 Finance Reports – Cllr Bell ran through these in some detail, as these were the end of year figures. One or two lines made the difference to the final position which may give a false impression and it may be that some things need to be reported differently. It was then resolved that the financial reports be approved, which they were unanimously.

7236/19 Authorisation of Payments – It was resolved that the Council should approve all the following outstanding payments, which was done unanimously:

£166.54 to Grundon Waste Management Ltd
£1082.88 to MKR Electrical Services Ltd
£33.62 to British Gas Services Ltd
£202.80 to Safe I.S. Ltd
£131.92 to the Assistant Clerk
£67.09 to Viking Payments
£65.06 refund from Everflow
£55.29 to the Clerk
£61.94 to Aquacare
£957.96 to Sunshine Commercial Services Ltd
£1425.06 to NIC Services Group Ltd
£834 to Heald Ltd
£360.87 to Dual Energy
£1500 to WEL Medical
£5.90 credit from CNG Ltd
£348.44 to Roger Burns
£36 to Taurus Elite Security
£2270 in payroll

7237/19 To note the failure of Barclays Bank to follow the standing order instruction to pay the clerk and assistant clerk in March – This was noted

7238/19 To review and check Bank Statements against Reconciliations – The Chair of Finance did this.

7239/19 To consider changing signatories and amending those for the NS & I account which are out of date, and to consider whether it would be sensible to have the clerk as one of those signatories. To approve any recommendations made – after some discussion, it was resolved to have the clerk as a signatory on the NS & I and Skipton accounts, subject to approval from the internal auditor, and to replace Cllr. Jeffery with Cllr. Sutlieff, as well as add Cllrs Mundy and Keward to the NS & I account holders which was approved unanimously. *Clerk's note: The internal auditor was happy with this if there had to be two signatories for a transaction.*

Reports

7240/19 Amenities Committee – The minutes of a meeting on 1st April were noted. It was resolved to approve extra expenditure for fertilising and re-seeding the football pitches which was approved unanimously

7241/19 Planning, Environment and Highways Committee – The minutes of the meeting on 8th April were noted. The Chair of the Committee highlighted the discussion on air pollution and how, on planning issues we could recommend more hedges, and possibly investigate the viability of electric car charging points in the village. There was also a discussion about footpaths and whether Council should re-introduce the annual walk of the rights of way in the village. It was noted that the Committee had objected to the change of use at Newlands Farm and had commented on the retrospective applications for barns at The Homestead.

7242/19 Staffing Committee – The minutes of the meeting on 25th March were noted. There was an update on the idea of a Communications role and of the website

7243/19 Report from the Borough Councillor – There was no report as the Borough Councillor was unwell.

Items for Consideration

7244/19 To hear a report on the Borough parish Liaison Group – Cllr Elphick attended but there was no report in his absence.

7245/19 To consider any update on the pre-school survey results – There had been 63 responses and further discussion would be had at the Annual Parish Meeting (APM)

7246/19 To consider the structure of the APM and what should be on the slides – It was agreed there should be two slides per committee, and that the finance presentation should be simplified. It was also suggested that the presentation should be put on the website and that each councillor should wear a name tag. The chairman will pull together the final presentation and would include something on what the Parish Council is there for.

7247/19 To consider how to find a replacement trustee to represent Charvil on the Sonning Almshouse Committee – It was agreed that this would be promoted at the APM

7248/19 To consider which roles councillors may be interested in taking up at the Annual Meeting of the Council in May, and to arrange for any relevant information to be passed to them if needed, before making a final decision to stand for any posts – Each councillor expressed their preferences but there is no commitment at this point. The Chairman would seek the views of those absent.

There being no further business the open meeting closed at 9.28pm

Chairman's Signature