

Easebourne Parish Council

Finance Committee Minutes of Meeting held at 7.00pm on Wednesday, 6th November 2019, in the Refectory (behind St Mary's Church, Easebourne)

Present: T Baker (TB), J Galego (JG), A Keeling, M Noble (MN), C Sanderson (CS)

In attendance: Parish Clerk S Hurr (SH)

1 Public Question Time: No members of the public were present.

2 Apologies and Reasons for Absence: None

3 Declarations of Interest: None

4 Minutes: The minutes of 2nd October 2019 were agreed and signed.

5 Review of Actions (from last meeting):

Action and carry-over Action: CS to become a signatory on the bank account. CS has been advised by the Midhurst branch that the process should be completed within the next week.

Action and carry-over Action: SH has further work to complete on the Asset Register.

Action and carry-over Action: SH has been advised by the Chichester District Council Taxation team, that they can provide an estimate of number of households next week.

6 Finance Report Review:

a) Report on previous month spend, cash flow and spend approvals: Payments were discussed, and signed for authorisation by the Chairman as follows:

| Greenscape grass cutting and playground inspection, Invoice EAS 067 | £888.00 | Approved |
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| Pro-Tec Security Inspections for Easebourne Park, Invoice PSM 9866 | £72.00 | Approved |
| J Galego, Travel to West Sussex ALC AGM | £16.65 | Approved |
| M Noble, meeting with MTC refreshments | £50.00 | Approved |
| S Hurr, Travel to Meeting with MTC | £14.40 | Approved |
| S Hurr, Parish Phone (October) | £26.13 | Approved |
| M Noble, Microsoft Office 365 | £53.26 | Approved |
| I Milne, Planning Application Plan for Easebourne Park Shelter | £25.40 | Approved |
| St Mary's PCC, Room Hire September 2019, Invoice 19/19 | £80.00 | Approved |
| Greenscape grass cutting and playground inspection, Invoice EAS 083 | £456.00 | Approved |
| Clerk Salary (October) | Undisclosed | Approved |
| HMRC Payment (October) | Undisclosed | Approved |
| Clerk Pension (October) | Undisclosed | Approved |
| Clerk Home as Parish Office (October) | £20.00 | Approved |

b) Receipts: South Downs National Park Authority Grant: £780.85

New Homes Bonus allocation to be applied for following full Council meeting in November 2019.

c) Asset Register: To be reviewed.

Action: (see Action under item 5).

7 Forecast Spend:

a) Sub-committee/Working Parties forecasts (including RFFs): None received.

- b) Review requests for grants/funding and actions: The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. An invoice for the annual Poppy Wreath received at the cost of £18.00, and it was agreed to provide an additional donation of £42.00, to be paid by cheque.
- 8 Draft Budget 2020/20: The Committee discussed the 2020/21 budget, including whether an increase in precept was justified for the forthcoming projects the Parish Council wish to undertake. The draft budget and an increase in precept of 5% to be requested, was agreed for proposal at the full Parish Council meeting on 13th November 2019.
- 9 Proposals to Parish Council: Draft 2020/21 budget and 5% increase in precept.

| 10 | Next Meeting | Date: 7.00pm, | 4 th December | 2019, in the | Refectory | (note earlier time). |
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Meeting closed at 7.51pm

| Signed: | Date: |
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| Chairman | |

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