

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
HELD ON MONDAY 25TH NOVEMBER AT 7pm IN THE COLYTON TOWN HALL.

Present: Cllrs S Real, A Stenning, A Parr, J Gardiner, K Clifford, G Chesterton, P Arnott, J Hay, G Stephenson and R Turner. Also S Haines (clerk)

Members of public: 0

F24/11/59 Apologies for absence. Cllr Mann

F24/11/60 Minutes for the Finance meeting held Monday 28th October 2024 (appendix P) to be approved.

Cllr Stenning proposed these be approved, seconded by Cllr Gardiner and agreed by all.

F24/11/61 Matters arising from the minutes. None.

F24/11/62 Declarations of interest. None.

F24/11/63 Democratic Period. No public to speak.

F24/11/64 Balance for the month of October to be approved. Cllr Real proposed these be accepted, seconded by Cllr Parr and agreed by all.

F24/11/65 Accounts to be presented for payment:

BACS Mrs S Haines salary 1321.04 minus pension 30.00. Total 1291.04 pounds.

BACS Mr A Parsons salary including 5 hours overtime 1307.84 mileage 0.45 X 80 miles 36.00 repair works on cemetery trailer 80.00. Total 1423.84 pounds.

BACS HMRC PAYE 442.60 NI Employee 84.82 NI Employer 226.36. Total 753.78 pounds.

DD Nest pension employer 19.74 employee 30.00. Total 49.74 pounds

Clerks salary includes back pay to the beginning of the financial year as per instruction from NALC.

The above payments were approved. Proposed by Cllr Gardiner, seconded by Cllr Real and agreed by all.

a) Quotes for the cemetery maintenance contract. Two quotes were discussed, a third could not be acquired due to a lack of chapter 8 trained companies. Cllr Clifford proposed that the contract be awarded to Halcyon Landscapes, seconded by Cllr Arnott and agreed by all.

b) Parish Council website. The clerk shared three quotes with the Council but they were very high, Cllr Chesterton proposed he build the website and use a company he found, he proposed a start-up cost of 500 pounds and in three months' time we will see where we are. This was seconded by Cllr Stenning and agreed by all.

c) Prices for tree works required at the cemetery and picnic site. Cemetery - To crown raise Lymes by main entrance to remove or crown reduce Sycamore by chapel. Waste to be removed 480.00 pounds plus vat
Picnic area - To crown raise trees in picnic area, Waste to be removed 250.00 pounds plus vat. Cllr Real proposed these prices be accepted, seconded by Cllr Hay and agreed by all.

Cllr Arnott informed the Council that EDDC have agreed to take on the Community Woodland. The Parish Council is extremely grateful.

d) Request from a member of public to install a basketball hoop at the skate park. Due to insurance and safety reasons Cllr Real proposed this not be actioned, seconded by Cllr Gardiner and agreed by all.

The clerk informed the Council that a meeting had taken place that morning between some Councillors and EDDC officers to talk about the costings to take on and run the toilets. A meeting of the working party will be held ASAP and will report back to the Full Council during the next meeting.

F24/11/66 Dates of next meetings

Full CPC meeting – Monday 16th December

Committees – No committees in December

Meeting closed:19:35.