

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
HELD ON MONDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER 2023 AT 7pm IN THE COLYTON TOWN HALL

Present: Cllrs S Real, M Mann, A Stenning, A Parr, J Gardiner, J Hay, P Arnott and R Turner. Also S Haines (clerk)

Members of public: 1

F23/09/47 Apologies for absence. Cllr Clifford.

F23/09/48 The minutes of the Finance committee meeting held on 29th August (appendix M) to be approved. Cllr Parr proposed these be approved, seconded by Cllr Mann and agreed by all.

F23/09/49 Matters arising from the minutes. None.

F23/09/50 Declarations of interest. None.

F23/09/51 Democratic Period. The member of public stated that he is here about the Rest House project and how he can assist the Council with this.

F23/09/52 Balanced Accounts for the period 1st– 31st August to be approved. These were approved by all.

F23/09/53 Accounts to be presented for payment:

BACS Mrs S Haines salary including 3 hours overtime 1157.02 minus pension 30.00. Total 1127.02 pounds.

BACS Mr A Parsons salary including 7 hours overtime 1223.67 mileage 0.45 X 59 miles 26.55 fuel 25.15 VAT 5.03. Total 1280.40 pounds.

BACS HMRC PAYE 382.00 NI Employee 90.91 NI Employer 184.59. Total 657.50 pounds.

DD Nest Pension employee 30.00 employer 18.60. Total 48.60 pounds.

BACS Axminster Garden Machinery drive belt on mower 10.75 VAT 2.15 blades for strimmer 36.67 VAT 7.33. Total 56.90 pounds.

BACS Source for business water for allotments. Total 68.09 pounds.

BACS Wicksteed new swing at PMPF 341.34 VAT 68.27. Total 409.61 pound

The above accounts were approved for payment this was proposed by Cllr Stenning, seconded by Cllr Mann and agreed by all.

a) Clerks holiday request circulated to Councillors. This was approved.

b) Quote from Mr Underdown for road planings 15 pounds a tonne. Cllr Parr proposed this be accepted and three tonnes be ordered, seconded by Cllr Mann and agreed by all.

c) One tub of Wetpour needed cost of single kit 175 pounds plus VAT but delivery is 70 pounds plus VAT, is it more economical to order two kits as the delivery charge will not change. Cllr Real proposed two tubs be ordered, seconded by Cllr Hay and agreed by all.

d) One bottle of Moss treatment needed 74.95 pounds plus VAT. Cllr Real proposed this be ordered, seconded by Cllr Stenning and agreed by all.

e) Quote from Barriers Direct for 24m of railings for the Trim trail 3882.96 pounds plus VAT. Clerk to double check the height of the barriers – is the hoop included in the height? Clerk to also ask Wicksteed if they would price for just supplying the fence and not any installation.

f) Rest House project. The project is still not 100% clear, the clerk has explained that a single panel is needed to be installed on the roof which would be wired in to the existing hot box to make the roof warmer, there are three rare species of bat, all male, currently using the roof as a stopover but not a roost, possibly because it is too cold. The idea is to make the area warmer to encourage female bats to use the space as a maternity roost. More information is needed on costings and validation of the project – Mr Denny has kindly offered to try to gather more information from the AONB and Professor F Matthews.

F23/09/54 Items bought to the Chairs attention after agenda published.

Energy contract due for renewal on 21st November – quotes gathered seem to be only valid for 24 hours, could the clerk be granted the power to choose the best option without taking it to a meeting first? Cllr Stenning proposed that this power be granted, seconded by Cllr Mann and agreed by all.

Cllr Arnott asked about the potential Judicial Review and any mounting legal costs, Cllr Parr explained that we would not be occurring any whilst we are effectively sat in a queue waiting for the courts but Cllr Arnott explained that Colyford and EDDC may be contacting their solicitors – a cost which Colyton would be liable for if it all goes in Colyford's favour. Clerk to check.

F23/09/55 Dates of next meetings

Full meeting – Monday 9th October

Committees meeting – Monday 23rd October.

Meeting closed: 19:30.