

Wisborough Green Parish Council **Draft Minutes of The Finance Committee**

Date: Tuesday 23rd August 2016

Present: Mr K Charman (KC), Mr P Drummond (PD), Mr A Jackson (AJ) Planning Chairman,

Apologies: Mr A Burbridge (AB), Ms A Stone (AS), Mr H True (HT)

Held in: The Committee Room, Village Hall

Members of Public: None

The Chairman opened the meeting at 8.30 pm.

1. Apologies for Absence: Apologies were received and accepted from Mr Burbridge, Ms Stone and Mr True.
2. Declaration of Members' Interests: No interests were declared.
3. Public Participation: There were no members of public present.
4. Current Expenditure and Budget Position to Date: The actual expenditure against budget report had been circulated in advance of the meeting and was displayed. Members reviewed the different budget headings and confirmed that there were no areas of concern. The Clerk highlighted that the first loan repayment for the Workhouse Refurbishment would be made in November.
5. Approval of Outstanding Payment for The Workhouse Refurbishment: Explanation was given to the original quotation and the additional items that were identified as the project progressed. The tenant had been in the property for several weeks and no further snagging items had been identified. The work had been carried out to a high standard and on time. Members agreed that the final payment of £5750 should now be made, along with the remaining payment of £348.21 for the new roof.
6. British Telecommunication Contract: The Parish Council currently had a dedicated telephone and broadband line into the Clerk's property. The Clerk had discussed the service with BT and confirmed that the current contract could be upgraded to fibre optic for the slightly reduced monthly charge. The inclusive call package was the most economical. Internet searches had indicated that other providers were at a similar cost. Members discussed and agreed that the BT service should be retained but upgraded to fibre optic and to enquire if an advance line rental payment would reduce the cost further.
7. Future Objectives/Expenditure: Members agreed that now the Neighbourhood Plan had been adopted, it was important for the Parish Council to establish a 5 year plan and budget projections for identified community projects. To be included on the Parish Council agenda for the September meeting for discussion by all.
8. Date of Next Meeting: Full Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 20th September 2016. Finance Committee meeting to be arranged between the September and October Full Council meetings.

Clerk

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

Signed by the Chairman: Date: