

MINUTES OF MARTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Held on Wednesday 9th December 2015

In the Community Centre, Playingfield Lane, Martham at 7.30pm

Present Councillors; Bradford, Gates, Hurkett, Johnson (chair), Manifold, Starkings.

Clerk; Sarah Hunt

1. Apologies for absence.
None.
2. Declarations of personal interest and dispensations for any items on the agenda.
Cllrs Bradford and Gates – Trusteeship of Martham Coronation Recreation Ground.
Cllr Johnson – Fire Officer, Martham Fire Station. Textile collection based at Station.
3. The minutes of the Finance meeting held on 14th October 2015 were approved, PROPOSED Cllr Johnson, seconded Cllr Starkings and signed by the Chair as a correct record.
4. Recycling.
BCR have been collecting the textile bank from the village and paying £100/tonne. They have gone into receivership. A list of approved dealers has been obtained from Norfolk County Council, and quotations received. BCR currently owe the Parish Council £181.10. The Clerk has responded to the receiver and forwarded copy invoices.
Astco – will pay £120/tonne.
Cookstown – will pay £400/tonne.
European Recycling – will pay £100/tonne.
It was PROPOSED Cllr Gates and seconded Cllr Bradford that Cookstown be recommended to full Council as the new supplier.
5. Grants.
The meeting considered applications made for 2016/17 and reviewed accounts provided. Applications had been received from the Village Hall (£500), Martham Coronation Recreation Ground (£6,500) and the Parochial Church Council (£3,300). It was PROPOSED Cllr Manifold and seconded Cllr Starkings that the Coronation Recreation Ground application and the Parochial Church Council application be recommended to Council for approval subject to the conditions already stated by Council, and the receipt of the sums by Great Yarmouth Borough Council through Concurrent Functions. AGREED.
It was PROPOSED Cllr Manifold and seconded Cllr Johnson that the application from the Village Hall Committee (£500) be recommended to Council subject to the earlier terms agreed at full Council. For Cllr Manifold, Cllr Bradford, Cllr Johnson. Against Cllr Gates, Cllr Starkings, Cllr Hurkett. Casting Vote – Cllr Johnson. AGREED.
6. A review and adjustment of cost code allocation was presented to the meeting by the Clerk and AGREED. CLERK.

7. Draft Budget 2016/17.
The presented budget was reviewed by the meeting.
8. To decide precept recommendation 2016/17.
It was PROPOSED Cllr Gates and seconded Cllr Bradford that the concurrent functions and precept recommendation presented by the Financial Officer be approved. AGREED.
This increased precept from £42,850 to £49,600. A 12% increase which equates to 9p/week for a Band D house on the tax base provided by Great Yarmouth Borough Council.
9. Opening an additional bank account.
Clerk to investigate as insurance is set to be limited to £75,000 per bank account. A 30 day savings account with no internet access.
10. Items for next agenda
11. None.

PROPOSALS FOR FULL COUNCIL

1. That Cookstown Textile Recyclers replace BCR at the rate of £400/tonne.
2. That the Coronation Recreation Ground Grant application (£6,500) be approved subject to earlier agreed terms of direct payment and receipt of concurrent functions grant for the amount.
3. That the Parochial Church Council Grant application (£3,300) be approved subject to earlier agreed terms of direct payment and receipt of concurrent functions grant for the amount.
4. That the Village hall grant application (£500) be approved subject to earlier agreed terms of direct payment.
That the precept be increased from £42,850 to £49,600. That Concurrent Functions be applied for at £15,400.
5. That the Clerk investigate a 30 day access over the counter interest bearing savings account.