

MINUTES OF THE GREAT BUDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

held at the PARISH HALL at 6.30pm on MONDAY 26 OCTOBER 2015

Part 1

Welcome and record attendance

Present: M Torrance, P McAndrew, H Brudenell, M Kershaw

Apologies: A Lee, L Hopkinson, R Collier

Members of the Public None

Declarations of Interest: None

Representations from the Public: None

Grant Awarding Policy

The Committee welcomed and received the draft Terms of Reference for the award of grants by the Parish Council in support of local initiatives/activities

The Committee resolved to recommend the acceptance of the proposal to the Parish Council with a proposed start date of April 2016. The Committee agreed that this would regularise current practice, making it more transparent and enabling the Parish Council to grant assistance to both new and existing projects. The Parish Council Finance Committee would act on behalf of the Parish Council in this matter. It was suggested that a realistic amount would be included in the annual budget but that no upper limit would be placed on applications. The Clerk would be responsible for the administration of grants following the decisions of the Finance Committee and arranging advertising for applications through the Budworth Bulletin

2015/16 Budget

It was noted that expenditure remained in line with expectations

It was also noted that the changes to the Clerk's terms of employment were now impacting on the salary budget line but that the Council had sufficient funds to cover the expenditure

2016/17 Budget

The Committee considered a number of items for inclusion in the 2016/17 Budget. The Committee noted that the Budget proposal would need to be approved at the Parish Council meeting in January 2016 in order to set the Precept for 2016/17

It was agreed that the Clerk should be asked to update the general budget lines and that the Parish Council should be requested to prioritise a number of Parish projects at the meeting on 2 November

Some projects were identified for consideration by the Parish Council:

- Trees (in accordance with the tree survey and scheduled over 3 years)
- Avenue pathway resurfacing between Farthings Lane and School Lane
- Environmental maintenance and improvements including the two pumphouses
- Cobbling on Church Street
- Car Parking
-

District Councillors Fund

It was noted, with regret, that it was unlikely that the elected District Councillors would be able to distribute any grant aid to support local initiatives in the financial year 2016/17

However it was suggested that, having obtained the approval of the Parish Council, an application should be made in the current financial year for support to put lighting in place to enhance the operation of the Parish Hall (reference the car parking report)

Date of next meeting

14 December 2015, 7.0pm

Venue tbc

H Brudenel, Committee Chairman