MINUTES of the GREAT BUDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

held at the PARISH HALL at 6.45 PM on MONDAY 5th NOVEMBER 2018

Opened at 6.45pm

1. Welcome and record attendance

Present

Chairman

R Collier

Council Members

H Forwood, M Torrance, P McAndrew

Also present

Clerk

R Ollier

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2. Apologies

L Hopkinson, A Lee, H Brudenell

3. Declarations of Interest

4. Budget

a) To review the budget for 2017/18 against spend to date.

The budget and actual spend was reviewed and accepted by the Council.

The Council queried the VAT line relating to the WOTW filming income. The Clerk reported that HMRC had declared that VAT should not be charged on the WOTW invoice and therefore the VAT element of £5,500 had been returned to Mammoth.

The Council reported that it had received and paid a £400 fine from the Pensions Regulator in respect of incomplete contribution submissions. It was agreed that the Vice Chairman would take over the submissions of the pension contributions going forward.

The following payments were reviewed and agreed:

WAP Lawton £6,816.00 (the Avenue resurfacing)

WAP Lawton £598.80 (Parish Field ruts correction)

The Budworth Bulletin £350.00 (grant)

Anna Lee £336.00 (Northwich guardian advertisement)

5. Lower Pumphouse

(i) To receive quotations for remedial works to the Lower pumphouse

The Council received the quotations and agreed to appoint Mallets Stonemasonry to complete the cleaning, pointing and roof work, the Clerk would work with the Heritage Society and the Conservation Officer regarding this. The Council agreed to seek further quotations for the work to the oak frame.

(ii) To receive an update to quotations for works to the Oak and Yew trees situated by the Lower Pumphouse.

The Clerk reported that one quotation for the work had been received and a further contractor was meeting the Council on Monday 12th November at 10.30am.

8. Parking Consultant

The Council received the quotation and agreed not to proceed as the cost was prohibitive. It was also noted that a working party had produced a report on parking in the village.

The Council agreed to review the design for resident only parking signs for the three spaces by the upper pumphouse.

9. The Lime Trees, High Street

The Council reported that advice had been sought on the Lime Trees and two trees should be replaced with trees with a significant root ball, the trees should be pleached regularly to maintain the structure and the tree on the far-right hand side was leaning due to the previous tension of the wires. The Clerk reported quotations for the work were being obtained.

Closed 7.30 pm

Signed as a true record

Chairman of the Finance Committee