

**MINUTES of the GREAT BUDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL FINANCE
COMMITTEE MEETING
held at the PARISH HALL at 6.45 PM on MONDAY 5TH MARCH 2018**

Opened at 6.47pm

1. Welcome and record attendance

Present

Chairman H Brudenell

Council Members H Forwood, M Torrance, A Lee, P McAndrew, L Hopkinson, M Kershaw

Also present

Clerk R Ollier

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2. Apologies R Collier

3. Declarations of Interest

4. Budget

a. To review the budget for 2016/17 against spend to date.

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

b. To agree the renewal of the Councils SLCC membership.

The Council agreed to renew the SLCC membership for 2018/19

c. To agree and approve payments.

Payments were approved by the Council.

SLCC Membership renewal £41.00

BDO External Auditors £520.80

Clerk Expenses £52.99

d. To review the budget in relation to the works on The Avenue

The Clerk reported that the original quotation included a fee of £520.00 to complete necessary Health and Safety Assessments prior to work commencing. Lawton's had offered to charge £260.00 for the works completed. It was agreed to adjust the budget by £260.00 to reflect the H&S costs.

5. Precept 2018/19

(i) To report the CWAC acceptance of the Precept calculation for 2018/19

The Clerk reported that the Precept request for 2018/19 had been accepted by CWAC.

6. Internal Auditor 2017/2018

(i) To consider the reappointment of the internal auditor

The Clerk reported that JDH Services Ltd had previously completed the internal audit for the Council and proposed their reappointment for 2017/18. This was agreed by the Council

7. Parish Field

(i) To consider a proposal to install drainage on the field. (Appendix 7)

It was noted that a local contractor had visited the Parish Field and advised the Council on options available to assist draining the field during wetter periods. It was noted that £5,000 was to be received from Mammoth in respect of the War of The Worlds filming and was to be ring fenced for the Parish Field.

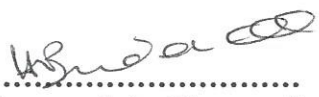
It was reported that to install new drainage pipes would require considerable investment and would not provide an 'all year' parking solution. Concerns were raised regarding overloading the existing ditch adjacent to the field with water should the new pipes be fed into here.

Councillors suggested that planting trees that thrived in wet conditions at the bottom of the field may help alleviate the situation and provide a more cost-effective solution, whilst providing an attractive view. It was agreed to consult a tree specialist for advice and report back at the next meeting.

Councillors queried whether the neighbouring property had a septic tank which overflowed into the field. It was confirmed that this had been the case currently. The Council would approach the property to ascertain if their connection to the mains sewage pipes had taken place, but it was confirmed that although the roof drainage of the property had been relocated from the septic tank, the tank was still in place for the foul drainage with no immediate plans to change this. The Clerk was to obtain copies of any previous agreements in place regarding this matter.

Closed 7.22 pm

Signed as a true record


Chairman of the Finance Committee