

MINUTES of the GREAT BUDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

held at the Parish Hall at 6.45pm on MONDAY 1st JULY 2019

Meeting opened at 6.45pm

1. ATTENDANCE

ACTION

Chairman: R. Collier

Council Members: M. Torrance (MT); J. Bowman (JB); R. Wilkinson (RW); D. Hammond (DH); J. Robins (JR).

Also present: G. Ayres (Parish Clerk); 3 members of the public.

2. APOLOGIES

Cllrs. A. Lee; S. Coppel; L. Gibbons; P. Marshall

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared

4. BUDGET 2019 / 20

a) Review of the budget for 2019/20

In response to a query, it was explained that the land registry searches itemised in the Clerk's expenses related to investigations about the ownership of land adjacent to the Lower Pumphouse and on High St where a tree recently fell.

The only new items on the spreadsheet are Clerk's salary, tax and pension plus Clerk's expenses which include £80 for the renewal of Microsoft Office. Also £147 paid for the internal audit; £107 for membership of Cheshire Association of Local Councils (ChALC); £75 for maintenance work done by John Eaton; and £250 grant given to the Parochial Church Council for work on the churchyard.

The budget for 2019/20 was reviewed against actual spend and accepted by the Council.

b) Payments

The following payments were reviewed and approved:

- Clerk Expenses £83.93 (incl. mileage; searches; stamps and postage; and additional post-box keys.
- Clerk's salary £294.12 and NEST pension £27.09.
- PCC grant of £250. Cheque signed following approval at last Parish Council meeting.
- Defibrillator pads £35 + VAT + delivery. The Clerk will purchase them and Cllrs Torrance and Bowman will fit them.
- Data protection fee to Information Commissioner £40
- Invoice for Cllr Bowman to attend ChALC planning training course £65.

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Cheshire Community Action's invitation for the Parish Council to become a member was declined. Although the Parish Council has been a member in the past, it was felt membership conferred insufficient benefit.

7. LOWER PUMPHOUSE RENOVATION

The Council was minded to accept the quotation from Trinity Renovations, which offers the best value for money, but will seek a further meeting with them to clarify some points.

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The quote is for £8613.15 + VAT but this does not include work on the wrought iron balusters (an additional £1440 plus VAT). The Council, therefore, agreed to actively seek additional sources of funding.

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The Great Budworth Heritage Society, with which the Parish Council is working in partnership on this project, will contribute but the actual amount will not be confirmed until late July, following their next meeting.

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It was agreed that other sources would also be explored with a view to securing grant funding. The Heritage Lottery, Airport and WREN will be approached and the Clerk will look into other sources as well. Trinity and the CW&C Conservation Officer will be asked for advice on other funding sources in the course of the meetings to be arranged.

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Meeting closed at 7.10pm.

**Signed as a true record
Chairman of the Finance Committee**