

WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee held at 7.00 pm on Thursday 19th January 2017 in the Village Hall, Winthorpe

Present : Mr A Leary (Chairman), Mr B Wright, Mr D Richardson, Mr L Cammack, Mr D Aldridge, Mr R Allen and Mr R McClymont

Apologies : Mr P Farmer and Mr M Kneen

Clerk : Mrs S Sillery

County/District Councillor: Mrs M Dobson

Declarations of Interest – Mr Wright confirmed an interest as his son farms on the Charity of Thomas Brewer land.

To Receive and Accept the minutes of the last meeting 20th October 2016

Proposed by Mr Cammack and seconded by Mr Allen

Matters Arising from the Minutes of 20th October 2016

Santander Property Trust Account

The Parish Council is still struggling with the Santander Property Trust Account in adding Mr R. Allen as a signatory.

It was agreed not to pursue Mr Allen as a signatory but to keep with the two current signatories, Mr Cammack and Mr McClymont and run the account with the two signatures required for withdrawals. All were in agreement with this especially as the account is only used for occasional deposits from property rentals and no withdrawals.

Parish Council Accounts

Mr Richardson confirmed that he is to look over the accounts in the next few days when the Clerk has prepared the minutes from the meetings held tonight.

Thomas Brewer Charity

Mr Cammack confirmed that there is now a new Constitution in place and that a form is available on the village website for anyone wanting to apply for funding.

Precept

A discussion was carried out regarding the new precept amount for 2017/2018. Mr Cammack had prepared figures showing the expenditure for last year and the proposed expenditure for 2017/18.

Mr Leary raised concerns about the Burial Ground and the fact that there may be a cost in the future to expand it. It was agreed to have a contingency fund left in the Holding Account of £1,500 and the Clerk is to reflect this on the monthly spreadsheet.

It was agreed to keep the precept at the same amount as last year, £8,569.00 taking into account the funds that are currently held by the Parish Council. The Clerk is to write to N.S.D.C. with the precept request.

Any Other Business

Mr Cammack confirmed that a cheque had been received from Western Power for £55.15 for the pylon on the allotment field. The Clerk is to pay this in to the Santander Property Account.

Mr Cammack questioned whether we had received the Cricket Club rent of £25.00 for use of the field. The Clerk confirmed that we had not. Mr Cammack agreed to send a reminder.

Mr Leary raised the question of the current state of the Youth Club. The Youth Club has not been running for the last two months due to lack of children.

It would seem that there is a distinct possibility that the Youth Club will not continue and, if this is the case, the Parish Council needs to know what is happening with the funds the Youth Club are holding.

Mr Cammack is arranging a meeting with the Trustees in early February with Gary and Jan Thompson and others to find out what the future holds.

If the Youth Club folds, the funds should come to the Parish Council for them to hold until such time as the Youth Club is re-established. The Youth Club have also paid rent in advance to the Community Centre and this will also need to be refunded and held by the Parish Council. The Parish Council is unsure exactly how much money is involved but it is believed to be around £4,000.00.

Both Councillor Dobson and Andy Leary requested to be included in the meeting as she had been instrumental in setting up the Youth Club.

Meeting closed 7.28 p.m.