

# WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

## **Minutes of the Finance Meeting held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020 in the Village Hall, Winthorpe commencing at 7.00 pm**

**Present:** Mr A Leary (Chairman), Mrs L Dales, Mr B McClymont, Mr S Lord, Mr L Cammack, Mr M Kneen and Mr B Allen

**Apologies:** Mr D Richardson, Mr B Wright

**Clerk:** Mrs S Sillery

**Declarations of Interest:** None

### **Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

Mr Cammack confirmed that he had received a response from Richard Lawrence, Solicitor, at Newark and Sherwood District Council in relation to the question of the common land off Holme Lane. It would seem that the Parish Council does not have a responsibility for the land as it does not own it. However, if the Parish Council employees anybody to work on the land (such as grass cutting) and anything happened to them, the Council would be liable. Mr Cammack is to check with our insurers in relation to the liability question.

If a tree were to fall on a property from the common land, the Parish Council would not be liable for any damage caused.

Mr McClymont asked about the strip of land at the side of the Nelson which is also common land and asked if it was a public footpath. Mr Allen confirmed that it was a public footpath and that the land after the Bridge is Stuart Trust land. The Parish Council are not liable for this land either.

Mrs Dales asked if we still needed a Land Registry search on the land and Mr Cammack confirmed that we didn't.

The Clerk confirmed that she had received a bill from Tallents in respect of their work relating to the common land question for £223.20.

PKF – End of Year paperwork – we are now aware of the dates and timings.

Mr Allen proposed the minutes as a true record and Mr Kneen seconded it.

**Accounts as at 6.1.2020**

Current Account	-	£133.03
Holding Account	-	£8,693.78
Festival Account	-	£825.32
Events Account	-	£285.97
Tennis Club Account		£545.00
Property Trust	-	£7,268.96

The Clerk confirmed that she had transferred £500 from the Holding account to the current account to enable her to pay the Tallents invoice.

Mr Leary confirmed that the old Tennis Club account had been closed and the balance of £3,517.00 has been transferred to the new account with the H.S.B.C.

Mr Cammack confirmed that Mr Hickman is also a signatory on the new account.

The Clerk has paid an invoice from the school for the hire of the school for the Bonfire in the sum of £101.00. Mr Cammack will provide a final statement for the bonfire in due course.

The Clerk has received the paperwork in relation to the Precept for the new fiscal year. It was agreed to keep the precept the same amount as in 2019/2020. The Clerk to respond accordingly.

The Clerk confirmed that she has requested a VAT claim of £1,262.70 up to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019.

A cheque for £57.51 has been received from Western Power for the pylon on the allotment field The Clerk is to pay this into the Property Trust account.

### **Any Other Business**

The Clerk had received an email in relation to the Initiative Fund. This relates to funding for greener, safer and cleaner initiatives. It was felt that as the Parish Council has its own funds, it was not right to make an application. It was suggested that the Allotment Association may be interested bearing in mind the drainage problems on the field. The Clerk is to pass the information on.

Meeting closed 7.20 pm