

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING ON MONDAY 11th January 2016
AT 7pm IN THE PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE.

Present: Councillors C. Lake (Chairman), Mrs B. Thwaite, B. Packham, P. Doherty, Mrs J. Brown and Mrs M. Gibson (Clerk)

1. **Apologies for absence-** Apologies were received from Councillor Mrs J. Prescott
2. **Declaration of Interests** - No Councillors had interest to declare.
3. **a) Report on Expenditure for 2015/16**
Up to date list was handed out and figures checked. Everything on track at the present time.
b) Budget proposals Precept for 2016/17
The 4 options sent from Selby District Council were discussed and it **was agreed we propose to full council that Option 3 be approved which means there is a 0% increase in precept but as changes made due to more housing we would actually get more funding £159,096.65 precept including grant of £6,402.13 total Council Tax precept would therefore be £152,694.52.**

4. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

i) To discuss Zurich Insurance Renewal

Clerk reports we have received quote for renewal of Insurance (present 5 year contract runs out this year) Details have been sent to Insurance and they have sent quotation back with Index-Linked and non-Index Linked prices for a 1 year/3 year or 5 year term. **Agreed we propose to full Council that we take out the 5 year Index Linked option which would cost £6824.88 per year. Which is in fact cheaper than we paid last year.**

ii) To report on Street Lighting Works.

Clerk reports that all work appears to be done now, just finishing off in Wolsey Croft. Clerk also reports this is only area where NYCC have received complaints about upgrade.

iii) Update on proposed Footpath work at the Church (S106 funding)

Clerk reports still awaiting quotes for this work.

iv) To discuss BACs payments of Salaries.

Committee members felt we should propose to full Council that the 2 salaries every month be paid by BACs to help staff members.

v) To discuss quote for Eversley Park Play area Surface repairs.

Quotation received for surface and roundabout repair of £1800. **Agreed we propose to full Council that this be accepted to be done as soon as possible.**

vi) To discuss quotes for car park re-lining at Eversley Park Centre

Three quotes were forward for this re-marking, been passed down from LAP meeting. **Agreed we propose to full Council that the £500 quotation be accepted.**

vii) To discuss Sponsorship of Sherburn in Bloom.

Letter from Sherburn Community Association asking if Council still wish to sponsor the Sherburn in Bloom scheme at a cost of £100. **Agreed we propose to full Council that this be continued.**

viii) To report on Grant Agreement terms for Village Centre Project

Clerk reports we have now got full details of when finances can be drawn down. £40k immediately £40k within seven days of commencement of the project, and £40k with seven days of completion of the project. Plus £11,583 with seven days of commencement and £11583 within seven days of completion of project. **Agreed Clerk draw down the first £40k as soon as possible**

ix) To discuss change to external Audit procedures

Letter received from YLCA giving details of the proposed changes. Councils have to decide if they wish to stay with the present Sector led body for audit or opt out. All Committee had copies of proposals and after much discussion it was felt that to opt out would be more costly to the Council **agreed we should send full details of this to all Councillors and propose that we stay within the present Sector Led Body for our audits.**

x) To discuss increase on YLCA subscription

Letter stating their subscriptions are to go up by 4.9% this next year. **Agreed we propose to full Council that this be paid.**

xi) To discuss Fairways area- renewal of irrigation contract, play surface and also roof on Bowls pavilion needs repair.

Renewal for irrigation system had been passed back from Parish Council meeting to check how many people use this area. Clerk reports that Mr Varley states that 11 use it daytime and 15 at evening.

Agreed we propose that council renew this contract we do need to keep this system up and running.

LAP Committee also raised query about pitch for Netball players. Agreed CDO find out if anything can be done at little cost about this. Quotations also awaited for the repairs needed to the Bowls club roof.

xii) To discuss Laptop and Software

Chairman reports that £450 had been approved for a laptop for CDO but had overlooked fact this needed software as well total cost would be £600. **Agreed we propose to full council that this be agreed and also purchase of a new keyboard for Clerks computer.**

Extra item

Gala Stand.

Clerk reports we have received letter from Gala committee asking if Parish Council wish to have their stand again this year at a cost of £25. **Agreed we propose to full council that this be done again.**