

**MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING ON MONDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2013.**  
**AT 7pm IN THE PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE.**

Present: Councillors C. Lake, Mrs B. Thwaite, Mrs M. Hunt, Mrs J. Brown, Mrs J. Prescott and Mrs M. Gibson (Clerk)

**20. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Councillor S. Haskell.

**21. Appointment of Chairman.**

Councillor Lake was unanimously elected as Chairman.

**22. Budget and Finances**

**a) To amend budget for 2013/14**

Agreed that the following amended budget

As the street lighting work was to cost more than originally budgeted for it was agreed that the Street lighting budget be increased to £35,000 for 2013/14 budget year..

This would make the total budget **£152,336.24**

**23 Matters for attention**

**a) To Discuss Electrical checks on all our buildings.**

3 prices received only one of which mentions an "out of hours" rate. **Agreed Project Officer chase these up and make sure the others have no out of hour rate for work.**

**b) To Discuss quote for update of Street lighting in Kirkgate.**

Estimate received for this work at £28,000 which includes Northern Powergrid work. **Agreed we propose to full council that this be agreed.**

**c) To report on Pot hole repairs at Eversley Park Car Park.**

As arranged at Parish Council meeting Project Officer had checked on guarantee on this work. The Company agree to a verbal guarantee that providing work done to their specification they will Guarantee it. **Agreed we go ahead and get this work done.**

**d) To discuss extra working hours for Mr Varley.**

After much discussion it was agreed a Personnel Meeting be called to discuss what work is to be done in this extra time. (Meeting called for 6<sup>th</sup> June).

**e) To Report and Discuss survey on Old Girls School on Kirkgate.**

Survey has been received and the summary was read out by the Chairman.

*Some repairs are likely to be required in the next 5 years.*

*The spalling of the external brickwork is due to ageing of the bricks and cannot be cured. However, replacing damaged bricks and locally repointing some areas will delay its advance.*

*The Tall chimney stack to the rear offshoot is unstable and its height should be reduced by about 3 metres.*

*The flexing in the suspended floor to the rear LH side room is most likely due to defects within the floor members. The floor joists should be exposed and the damage repaired.*

*The pitched roof has been subject to maintenance in the past but is beginning to show its age. A major overhaul of the slates and flashings is required to prevent the ingress of water into the building. The condition of the roof members can be determined at the same time but it is likely some of the rafters will*

*need to be replaced. If it is ever intended to recover the roof with modern concrete tiles then the roof members are likely to need strengthening*

*The flat roof over the rear extension should be re-felted and sealed to prevent water entering the building.*

*The guttering should be adjusted to discharge water into below ground gulleys*

*A CCTV survey and water pressure test of the foul and surface water drains around the main and larger secondary building to ensure that any defects that are allowing water to escape into the ground will not affect the performance of the foundations in the future*

*The nearby vegetation seems to exist in equilibrium with the main building. However, it would seem prudent to consult an arboriculturist to advise on the management of the vegetation so as to maintain the equilibrium and prevent root activity affecting the foundations in the future.*

***It was felt this was going to be a money pit for the council and costs would outweigh any usage for the building. It was voted 4 for not going ahead with this project and 1 abstained. Therefore agreed we propose to full council that this project not go any further. Also agreed that copies of the full survey be sent to all Councillors for their information.***

**f) To Discuss purchase of new Local Council Administration Edition.**

Clerk reports that this is not often used and the editions we have give more or less all we need. Anything else we need we contact YLCA. **Agreed we propose to council we do not go ahead with this purchase.**