

**MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING ON MONDAY 8<sup>th</sup> MAY, 2017**  
**7.00pm IN THE PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE.**

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

1. **Apologies for absence-** Councillors Mrs J. Brown, B. Packham and Les Wake.
2. **Declaration of Interests-** No Councillors had interests to declare
3. **Expenditure**
  - i) **Update on Expenditure for 2016/17** –all ok at the present time
  - ii) **To accept report on Internal Audit-** Clerk read report from Internal Auditor which stated all in order and no significant or minor concerns that need to be drawn to the Councils attention at this time. Clerk reports that auditor did suggest that VAT amounts are shown on the bank account so that there is a double check on this- This has been done from the 1<sup>st</sup> April.
  - iii) **To report first half of Precept received for 2017/18 of £82,417.38**
4. **MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION**
  - i) **To discuss quotations for Renewing Courts at Fairway-** Councillor Doherty reports he has spoken to Gary Limbert about this and he has asked the company doing the 3G pitch to quote for this work and the fencing as well. We are still awaiting reply from Carol Baker as to what funding is available from Strata site. Gary Limbert has suggested refurbishing the Fairways instead of renewing as there are no tears in the surface and it will be less used in future with the 3G pitch taking users away. The cost of this would be approx. £12k. The Council could then get the fencing done as well as the surface. There are only 2 companies who could do this refurbishment work. **Agreed we recommend to the full council that quotes be got for a refurbishment, shock pad and the fencing.**
  - ii) **To discuss quotation for upgrade of rest of our Street Lighting-** Quotation received for the work required. County will not take over all the rest of our lighting. This quotation includes Beech Grove which we did not think was our lighting, Councillor Thwaite will check this and let Clerk know. The full cost of work needed is £38,752. (including £2379 for Beech Grove) County Council would then take over 18 of these lights. **Agreed we recommend to full council that this work be done. The ones County will not take over will then at least last for 10 -15 years before needing further work.**
  - iii) **To discuss request from Selby DIAL for funding – Agreed this request be refused as council has not budgeted for any donations this financial year.**
  - iv) **To discuss Village Centre Project funding-** Our figures still do not agree with Groundworks. We have received £3750 refund from them but even they do not know what it is for. Copies of invoices not on their list have been scanned and sent this afternoon. Clerk to find out who the Quantity Surveyor is for this project. **Agreed if no response before Monday POC meeting we report we are still awaiting confirmation of figures before we can go further with surface work.**
  - v) **To sign cheque for Gala Stand** –Cheque was signed to cover cost of Gala Stand for the Parish Council. Councillor Doherty asked if the council agreed with the Youth Hub and the Library being advertised on this stand also suggested selling some books which have been donated to the Library to raise funds. **Agreed we recommend to full council that this be done.**

- vi) To report cost of Barnsley Bin for the Angling Club**-Cost would be £192.59 delivered but as this is private land SDC cannot fit and empty this. Angling Club happy to do this, will be delivered to PC office.
- vii) To discuss payment of extra £100 to Finkle Hill Bowls for grass cutting**-Reply to letter which Clerk had sent they state that this has been same price for 3 years and the contractor wants the extra £100 to do the work. They have been told not to put grass in hedge bottom as this is encouraging rats. **Agreed we recommend to full council that we pay the £900 requested.**
- viii) To report Cooperative Bank new tariffs started in April and not January as previously reported.**
- ix) To discuss/approve cost of sign for Sculpture in Village Centre** –Clerk reports two quotations one for A4 size at £70 and a 8 x 6 size at £50. **Agreed we have the 8 x 6 size and also smaller print and the Sculptors name on the bottom. Councillor Doherty would call and get this arranged.**
- x) To report quote for tree at Eversley Park trimming at a cost of £120.**-Clerk had approved this as it needed doing for Gala weekend. Chairman reports that there is another branch still to trim so may be slightly more cost.
- xi) To arrange Defibrillator training** –Councillor Doherty reports that this would cost £200 for any amount of people. **Suggested date is the 27<sup>th</sup> May. Agreed Councillor Doherty get this organised.**
- xii) To report work on White Rose boiler following annual check needed doing at a cost of £315.14. Clerk had agreed this work be done.** Clerk also reports that accounts be sent for work they have had done on the veranda but as they have paid these we cannot re-claim VAT. Councillor Thwaite will tell them not to do this in future, but to get accounts agreed and sent to the Council.

#### **Other Matters.**

- i) Letter from YLCA regarding new editions of the Good Councillors Guide- Agreed we propose to full council that 4 copies be purchased at a cost of £16.75**
- ii) To report EPC hire rates are going up by 5% in September – this was suggested by their auditor as the rates have been the same for 2 years now.**
- iii) Clerk reports we have received VAT repayment of £13,139.39**