

Radcliffe-on-Trent Parish Council
Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting held in the Radcliffe Room, The Grange, on
Monday 15 July 2019 at 8.20pm

Cllr John Addiscott (A)
Cllr Maggie Clamp
Cllr Lorraine Foster (A)
Cllr Diane Farthing
Cllr Harry Curtis
Cllr Tracy James

Cllr Gillian Dunn (Vice-Chairman)
Cllr Alan R Harvey (Chairman)
Cllr Alice Tomlinson (A)
Cllr Anne McLeod
Cllr Sonal Modhvadia (A)

Ex-officio: Cllr Josephine Spencer (PC Chairman) Cllr Sue Clegg (PC Vice Chairman)

Also Present: Jacki Grice (Parish Clerk), Jacquie Earp (Admin Assistant) RBC Cllr Neil Clarke, RBC Cllr Roger Upton and two members of the public.

In the interests of transparency, the council asks that any person wishing to record the meetings proceedings informs the Chairman prior to the start of the meeting and that recording equipment is on view. There is an Open Session on the Agenda at which time members of the public are invited to raise any matters pertaining to the work of the committee, limited to fifteen minutes, during which time Standing Orders will be suspended.

1. Apologies for Absence
Cllr Addiscott, Cllr Modhvadia, Cllr Foster and Cllr Tomlinson - Approved.
2. Declarations of Interest
There were no declarations of interest.
3. Chairman's Announcements
There were no Chairman's Announcements.
4. Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting held on Monday 03 June 2019
Save for clerical amendment of removing Cllr Dunn's name that had appeared twice on the attendance list, It was Resolved: "That the minutes are approved and signed by the Chairman".
5. Clerks Report on Matters and Actions Arising from Previous Minutes
M.5 (previous M.10): The boiler / heating system is currently being upgraded at the Bungalow and will be completed next week. When completed, the required joinery work can begin and the garden can be tackled.
M.5 (previous M.11): It has been confirmed today that the LIS Application for Wharf Lane play equipment refurbishment has been part successful, in that £11,000 was applied for to match fund a total project of £22,000 and £5,500 has been offered, meaning there is a shortfall of £5,500. This will be on the agenda for the next Amenities meeting on the 29th July to discuss options.
6. Open Session for Members of the Public to Raise Relevant Matters Limited to 15 Minutes

No matters were raised.
7. Income /Expenditure Figures and Payments for May and June 2019
Noted and accepted. May figures on target. Cllr Dunn noted the Office had dealt with the County Room Chairs in a very economical way by purchasing material and having them recovered as to replace them would have been expensive. When re-covering the chairs, the Upholsterer confirmed the chairs failed current Fire Regulations. The 6 chairs cost £90 to re-cover and an excellent job was done. There were no comments for June.

8. Finance and General Purposes Committee Actual vs Budget – April 2019 – June 2019
Noted and accepted. Early days at the moment, however in October there will be a budget review.
9. To Consider a Recommendation from the Amenities Committee to Fund Grange Play Area Improvements via Election Reserves Savings / Play Areas 2019/20 Budget & Consider Quotations
The quotes for the repairs and new play equipment for The Grange from Wicksteed, Proludic and Hags were considered. It was suggested that the funding for the project be taken from the Election Reserves and Play Areas Budget. Resolved: "To approve the recommendation from the Amenities Committee to fund The Grange Play Area Improvements via Election Reserves using £10,000 and the balance from Play Areas 2019/20 Budget and to award the contract to Wicksteed at a total cost of £10,731.47."
10. (Cllr Abby Brennan)
Growth Board Update and Village Public Realm Proposals
As a Radcliffe Economic Growth Board Committee Member, Cllr Brennan presented an overview of the work carried out by the Committee over the last 2 years which included:
- The Radcliffe Business Forum and PC produced The Radcliffe on Trent Economic Masterplan document
 - The Growth Boards were established to look at significant areas of growth and potential economic impact of these areas
 - To look at the overall impact of the Borough from the likely rapid growth experienced.
 - Looked at ways of encouraging people to come into the village to use local businesses.
 - Looked at potential strategic development sites in the village, i.e. improvements to the centre of the village.
 - Includes use of the Health Centre and scope for more retail space
 - A Public Consultation, funded by RBC Strategic Growth Fund was held for The Economic Masterplan and questionnaires were sent out to residents and local businesses for their views for improvements to help them succeed as the village expanded.
 - The Radcliffe Economic Growth Board consists of the Business Community, the PC, RBC and NCC and can invite other organisations to meetings held twice a year depending on the issues discussed.

A drawing of potential improvements to the street furniture in the village so that people spend more time in the shops and social time in the centre of the village and not go elsewhere was then presented to Cllrs. Three options for improvements were explained and then considered and it was noted that option 1 is the current choice of the EGB. Cllrs preferred the proposed wooden street furniture and signs should be made of recycled materials and questioned accessibility through the Station Terrace arch sign. The Chairman confirmed there is no PC budget to assist with the improvements and as the meetings only take place twice a year agrees a PC Working Party should be set up to keep up discussion and considerations. Agrees the Station Terrace Archway is a good idea as it is often overlooked and also questions the sustainability and distance of the wooden materials proposed for benches. It was Resolved: "Recommended to set up an Economic Growth Board Working Party be put before the next Full Council meeting on the 30 September."

11. Social Media Considerations

Cllr Brennan has been approached and was asked to put to the Clerk, if the PC would be willing to 'live stream' Full Council meetings on Facebook. This was proposed as some people find it difficult to attend the 7pm meetings and it would be more accessible and transparent if the meeting was live streamed on Facebook. Cllr Brennan noted that there would be costs involved, monitoring and how it gets posted is required and confirmed people can make their responses (which cannot be edited) whilst the meeting is in progress. The Chairman recommended this issue be deferred for further detailed consideration along with all PC promotional material and Social Media as a whole. It was also noted that other PC's use You Tube audio as an alternative to 'live streaming'. The Clerk confirmed PC Social Media is used via Grange Hall's FB pages which is shared to other Community Sites and that the PC has Twitter so anything urgent can be

displayed and fed back to the main village FB pages. Cllrs recognise there is a need for proactivity in this area and a plan should be formed via the PR Working Group to be put forward at a future meeting.

12. Correspondence

RBC Consultation: Polling Stations

There are no concerns with the current five Polling Stations listed in Radcliffe. However, there was a recent comment on Social Media that somebody could not get into The Grange to vote, as the portable ramp was not set up and could not reach the bell outside to ring for help. Usually voting takes place in the Grange Hall so this would not be an issue as there is full disabled access and facilities. It was suggested that the PC purchase a wireless bell for The Grange to be positioned at an accessible height for a disabled user and a portable bell. It was also noted that the Voting Officers should have been aware of the accessibility to The Grange and that the Hall Manager has a set of instructions for users of The Grange Hall and The Grange.

13. Date of next meeting

Monday 30 September 2019

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9pm.

Signed: ChairmanDate