

Radcliffe-on-Trent Parish Council
Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee inclusive of the Amenities Committee Meeting
held by remote zoom video conference
on Monday 22nd February 2021 at 7.00pm

Cllr Maggie Clamp (A)
 Cllr Matthew Douglas
 Cllr Lorraine Foster (A)
 Cllr Tracy James

Cllr Gillian Dunn
 Cllr Diane Farthing
 Cllr David Graham
 Cllr Harry Curtis

Cllr Alice Tomlinson
 Cllr Sonal Modhvadia (Ab)
 Cllr Phil Thomas
 Cllr Anne Mcleod
 Cllr Barbara Deavin

Cllr Josephine Spencer (PC Chairman), Cllr Sue Clegg (PC Vice Chairman)

Also present Jacki Grice (Parish Clerk), Sally Horn (Accounts Clerk), Cllrs Roger Upton, Abby Brennan (Rushcliffe Borough Council) and one member of the public

1) Apologies

Cllr's Clamp, and Foster – Approved. Apologies also from RBC Cllr Neil Clarke and Kay Cutts (NCC).

2) Declarations of Interest

Cllr Thomas (Agenda Item 8 Grant Application Move and Mingle– subsequently withdrawn)

3) Chairman's Announcements

The Chair advised that the large Conifer in the Grange grounds was felled last Friday due to a large and dangerous split in the trunk. The Arborist was called to carry out this emergency work.

4) Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes/Amenities Meeting Held 25 January 2021 for Approval

Resolved "That the minutes were approved as an accurate record and will be signed by the Chairman at the next available meeting."

5) Open Session for members of the public to raise relevant matters, limited to 15 minutes

Standing orders were suspended at 7.04pm

Cllr Upton advised that RBC will be installing two new bench seats outside the Post Office and the Opticians. It was noted that the use of the new bench outside the Pharmacy is hindered when the Egg Seller sets up his pitch.

Standing Orders reinstated at 7.05pm

Finance and General Purposes

6) Income/Expenditure Figures and Payments – January 2021: To Approve

Resolved "Noted and approved".

7) Finance and General Purpose Committee Actual vs Budget & Forecast – April 2020- March 2021

Resolved: "Noted and approved."

8) Grant Application: Move and Mingle

It was noted that grant application has been withdrawn as the Group has recently been awarded funds from N.C.C.

9) Risk Register and Cllr Audit Programme

The Audit Working Group have held two zoom meetings recently to review and update the Risk Register noting the degree of risk, mitigation and key controls. The Working Group will continue to review and make recommendations on a regular basis.

Resolved "To approve the Risk Register"

The Audit Working Group also reviewed the Internal Cllr Audit Testing Programme. It was noted that it has not been possible to carry out checks in the usual way due to the Pandemic, however the Audit

Working Group aim to address this with remote checks where possible. A further heading will be added to the programme with regard to remote audit testing and to also include checks on grants expenditure. It was also suggested to prioritise expenditure items arising where there is no specific budget allocation. **Resolved** "To accept the recommendations".

Amenities

10) **Fountain Restoration: To Consider**

One quotation has been received for full restoration, it was agreed to source further quotes and explore external funding opportunities to reconsider on a future agenda.

Grange Grounds Donation Offers

11) **Offer of Donated Native Tree in Grange Grounds (In Memory of Graham Leigh Browne) To Consider**

Resolved "To accept the offer and suggest a Flowering Cherry to replace the recently felled Conifer".

12) **Offer of Bench Wood and Metal: To Consider**

Resolved "To accept the offer and install in the Grange Grounds in a suitable location away from the same style benches already in situ."

13) **Tree Pombombs: To Consider**

A resident has requested to place Pombombs in the Grange Grounds to raise awareness of the importance of staying connected and mental health.

Resolved "To allow the Pombombs to be placed in the Grange Grounds trees for 4 weeks."

Wharf Lane

14) **Skatepark Graffiti and Vandalism to Sign: To Consider**

The Skatepark has recently suffered from unsightly graffiti, the Groundstaff is currently in the process of removing it. The social distancing and noise banners and welcome signage have also gone missing.

One of the lighting columns appears to be staying on after 9pm, the Clerk has reported this to Canvas.

Resolved "To replace the banners and signage."

15) **Zip wire: Update**

The quarterly operational Play Area inspections carried out by Streetwise reported that the wood is compromised and rotting, subsequently the seats have been taken off and the equipment is out of use. The supplier has been contacted to honour its guarantee, the Clerk awaits a response.

16) **Valley Road: Sink Hole Update**

The sink hole has appeared again, it was noted that this is a recurring problem and has been repaired twice in recent years. STW have advised that their pipework in the area is intact and it is nothing to do with them. The PC Chair would like to inspect the area in the first instance and then make a recommendation. The Clerk would provide the history file.

17) **RBC Wildflower Seeds Offer**

Following the success of the Community Tree Scheme, RBC is now offering up to 3kg of wildflower seed.

Resolved "To apply for the maximum 3kg, locations to be determined."

18) **RCG Update: RBC Trees Planted at Lily Ponds**

The 10 free trees have recently been replanted by Streetwise.

19) **Correspondence: Indoor Skatepark / Outdoor Skatepark**

An email has been received suggesting the old Gym is used as an Indoor Skatepark, it was noted that the P.C has no control over the building but does encourage RBC to take some action as it is in a poor state of repair. It is suggested that the owners may have future plans for the area.

An email has been received regarding concerns over social distancing and lighting kept on at the outdoor Skatepark. The Clerk has responded.

The PC Chair advised that the Manor House has thanked the Council for the grant awarded for new dining furniture.

Cllr Cutts has emailed an update on relevant activities, the 20mph signage will be put on the next Full Council/Planning agenda for further consideration.

Finance and General Purposes

The Chairman moved that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of item 17 on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to meetings) Act 1960.

20) To Accept the Minutes of the Personnel and Wages Sub Committee Meeting Held 28 January 2021

Resolved "To accept the minutes and refer back to the subcommittee."

21) Date of Next Finance and General Purposes inc Amenities Committee Meeting:

Monday 22nd March 2021.

Close of meeting 8.16pm

Signed: Chairman Date

