

HUNTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Finance and Policy Committee Meeting held on Monday 18th December 2017 at 7.00pm at Huntington Community Centre

PRESENT: Councillor K Orrell - Chair, Councillor D Jobling,
Councillor I Panter, Councillor K Deadman,
Councillor D Geogheghan-Breen, Councillor M Sutton-Croft,
Gill Chivers (RFO)

APOLOGIES: Councillor C Hillman (no reason)

CIRCULATION: To all attendees and all other Parish Councillors.

MINUTES PREPARED BY: Gill Chivers

DATE (Draft): 19/12/2017

DATE TO BE APPROVED: 20/12/2017

2. To Approve Dispensation Requests and Note Any Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in any Items on the Agenda: No Dispensation Requests made. Declarations of Interest from all Councillors involved with Allotments, Village Halls, and other Parish funded items, including Huntington Sports Club.

3. Orchard Park Gate:

Antony Frear from TSL attended to answer queries regarding quotes received for operating gate using time clock and photo cell connected to light levels, plus system connected to burglar alarm in the Hall. **RECOMMENDED** for approval at full Parish that Councillor Deadman would write a letter setting out the Parish Council requirements for the gate, asking for a quote for this work and offering to meet on site.

4. CCTV at Orchard Park:

This has been installed but Councillor D Jobling not satisfied with the facial recognition being supplied and requested that the balance of payment be withheld until a further site meeting is held and the work is completed satisfactorily.

5. Budget and Precept 2018/2019:

Budget figures for 2018/19 circulated for discussion. As HPC level of expenditure has increased over the last few years and the large reserves previously held have now been used, it was agreed that spending now had to be cut back somewhat over the coming years in order to build up some small reserve again and that an increase in Precept be requested. **RECOMMENDED** for approval at full Parish that a Precept for 2018/19 be requested from CYC of £116,070, being an increase of 9.5% over 2017/18 and that all Councillors be made aware that spending had to be curtailed.

6. All Saints' Churchyard:

Following a meeting between the Chairman, Clerk and RFO and members of the Parochial Church Council, together with representatives from both New Earswick and Earswick Parish Councils, it was noted that as All Saints' is now a closed Churchyard,

responsibility for its maintenance now lies with the three Parish Councils. Over recent years, HPC has paid for the cutting of some of the grass, and in 2008/09 major work was carried out on repair of the headstones – the cost of which was split in proportion between the three Parish Councils. Further work on removal of fallen trees has recently been carried out – the cost of which has been borne by All Saints’, but which needs reimbursing. Further work on the Portastore is also needed. **RECOMMENDED** for approval at full Parish that all Churchyard maintenance works, including grass cutting, be split based on Electorate numbers as such: Huntington Parish Council 74%, New Earswick Parish Council 20%, Earswick Parish Council 6%. This to be presented to the other two Parishes for their approval.

7. Paving and Gate re access to shed at Orchard Park:

No information available in this connection.

8. Orchard Park Playground:

One quote obtained to replace equipment and a further quote yet to be received. Fencing to be left in place as the matting would have to be replaced with concrete.

9. Planters:

Ward Committee grant to be applied for.

10. Date of Next Meeting:

To be confirmed.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm