

HARTING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee held at 7.30 pm in the Congregational Church Hall, South Harting on Tuesday 28th August 2018

Present: Mr Bonner (Chairman), Mr Shaxson, Dr Bowman, Mrs Bramley, Mr Stuttaford and Mr Johnson-Hill.

In attendance: Trish Walker, Parish Clerk

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** Mr Healey.
- 2. Declarations of Interest:** Mr Johnson-Hill and Mrs Bramley declared a non-pecuniary interest as trustees of Harting Community Hall.
- 3. Minutes from Meeting held on 5th June 2018** were agreed and signed.
- 4. Reporting**
The latest budget statement to 31st July 2018 was noted.
- 5. Risk Assessments**
There were no risk assessments to review at this meeting.

6. Budget Planning for Major Items

The members discussed the process for setting up a system 3 year plan to feed into the budget setting process. The plan would focus on major items and projects that might come on-line in the next three years, with items being prioritised. It was agreed that the highest priority, and main focus at this time, should be on areas that impact on Health and Safety Issues.

The initial areas for consideration, in relation to Health and Safety, requiring further information regarding cost and timescales are:

Roads – Traffic Working Group to provide information

Trees – POSAC and Tree Working Group to provide information. There is a possibility that the trees might be able to generate some income, this is to be investigated further.

Play equipment and seating – clerk to get quotes following recent inspection. This is currently only in relation to South Gardens as the purchase of Furze meadow is still ongoing.

The members also discussed the need for the Council to have a regular meeting place in Community Hall. The old doctor's surgery had been offered for meetings, but this was not a satisfactory long term solution due to the size of the room. The members agreed that an initial enquiry should be made to the Community Hall treasurer to consider the options and rough costs of providing a suitable area in the Community Hall.

The members agreed to meet once more information was available to ensure these items are considered, and where appropriate, proposed for inclusion in a 3 year plan that will feed into the budget setting process and precept request for 2019/20.

7. Bank Account

The clerk confirmed that this was still being progressed with the bank.

8. Date of Next Meeting: To be arranged

CHAIRMAN

Date