

Minutes of Calne Without Parish Council Finance Committee
Zoom
Wednesday 16th September 2020

Calne Without Councillor Attendance

Present (P) Apologies (A) Did not attend (x)

Jim Cook (Chair)	P	Richard French	P
Katharina Kronig	A	Rob Hislop	P
Ed Jones	P	Alan Malpas	P
Sue Baker	P		

1 Apologies

Apologies received from Cllr Kronig.

2 Public Speaking

None

3 Declarations of Interest

None

4 Minutes

Proposed: Cllr French

Seconded: Cllr Malpas

Agreed unanimously: **That the Committee approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 25th August 2020 as a true and fair reflection of the motions agreed by the Committee and the discussions that took place and that these be signed by the Chairman as such.**

5 Calne Without Parish Council Investment Strategy

Cllrs discussed the report and alternative savings accounts available to the Council to replace the Unity Trust Account that now offers 0% interest. Cllrs confirmed that the objectives of the Investment Strategy remain relevant.

Proposed: Cllr Malpas

Seconded: Cllr Baker

Agreed unanimously: That the Finance Committee recommend to the Council:

- 1. That it approves the opening of a savings account with the Skipton Building Society and if that is not accepted the Bath Building Society. The signatories to be Cllrs French, Cook and Malpas.**
- 2. That the Council approve the Investment Strategy as drafted with the relevant Building Society savings account to be added when the Council's application is accepted.**

Cllrs considered the options for a credit card or debit card, the Clerk advised that none of the providers would approve a card until the application is made. Cllrs discussed the limits to be imposed to provide security for the Council and the Clerk. Cllr French as signatory to the Lloyds Account to phone the business managers and ask for information.

Proposed: Cllr French

Seconded: Cllr Hislop

Agreed unanimously: That the Finance Committee recommend to the Council that it applies for a credit card with a £2,000 limit, a £1,000 monthly spend limit and an individual payment limit of £500. The card to be issued to the Clerk.

6 Project initiation request – Playground and equipment for Petty Acre Derry Hill

Cllr Malpas presented the report and explained that the first part of this project is to establish if there is community support for the project. He suggested that the Council should set parameters for the response rate that will allow the project to proceed prior to the consultation. Cllrs discussed the financial aspects of the project and its requirements for the current financial year and planning for next year.

Proposed: Cllr Malpas

Seconded: Cllr Jones

Agreed unanimously: That the following is the Finance Committee's response to the project:

- 1. That the costs of the initial consultation can be covered by the 2020/21 Consultation and Public Participation budget.**
- 2. That the Finance Committee be asked to consider the need to allocate funding in the 2021/22 budget for the project should it progress.**
- 3. That the Council may wish to consider the opportunities for grant funding for the project.**

7 Other Matters

Cllr Hislop reported on his meeting with Ian Mock of the Bristol Avon Rivers Trust about the BART request for funding for the River Marden Project. Cllrs agreed that the summary of the meeting and the revised funding request should be circulated to all Councillors as soon as possible and the matter to be discussed at the Parish Council meeting in October.

Meeting ended 8.55pm