Kings Worthy Parish Council

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 14 November 2012 at the Kings Worthy Community Centre, Fraser Road, Kings Worthy

Present: Councillors: Malcolm Prince [Chairman]

Ian Gordon

Kerstin Reiners [left at 10.44]

Denis Welstead Sarah White

Clerk: Colin Arnett

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F/12/133 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Bohle and Adrian Reeves.

F/12/134 Public Question Time

None

F/12/135 Minutes of the Meeting held on the 10 October 2012

The minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting and were signed by Cllr Prince.

F/12/136 Matters Arising from the Minutes of 10 October 2012

 F/12/123 – Parish Office Computer Support and Wi-Fi – the deputy clerk had received confirmation from BT that up to 8 users could be accommodated on the new fibre broadband link with acceptable speeds. Members recommended that the upgrade be implemented.

Cllr Welstead agreed to share this information with the THMC as they are keen to hold basic computer classes in Tubbs Hall. Members agreed with Cllr Reiners that a disclaimer be presented at log-on and that a strict level of access be given.

F/12/136 Matters Arising from the Minutes of 12 September 2012 cont.

Cllr Gordon had researched a computer support company who could resolve problems remotely at a cost of £64 per hour charging in 15 minute sessions. Members agreed to recommend a 6 month trial.

- F/12/123 Maintenance Operative Contract the clerk reported that the rate of pay had now been included in the contract and Cllr Bohle had suggested that the term "technician" be used to reflect Martyn Smith's qualifications.
- F/12/124 Grounds Maintenance Contract a project team had been established to progress a new contract and were to hold their first meeting the afternoon.
- F/12/129 Fraser Road Playground Vandalism Cllr White confirmed that a letter returning the cheque had been sent to the youth involved.

F/12/137 Proposed New Expenditure for Financial Approval

- Planning and Highways Cllr Gordon indicated that there were no immediate requests for funding; however there may be costs involved in the review of our Village Design Statement which is part of the WCC Core Strategy. Provision should be made in next year's budget.
- Finance and Administration [incl. Tubbs Hall]

Desktop Hard Drive – Members approved the expenditure of £109.99 for desktop hard drive for the parish office as an additional back-up facility.

KWCC – Cllr Gordon had suggested the installation of brushes in the guttering at the Centre to avoid any accumulation of leaves and the resulting overflow of rain water. Members ask the clerk to seek the maintenance operative's advice. **Action – the clerk**

Recreation and Amenities

Cllr White gave members a dashboard presentation;

Eversley Park Path Steps – Cllr Gordon is to pass to the clerk the contact at SSE, so that this project can be progressed. **Action – Cllr Gordon**

Legion Lane Fence – Members discussed the quotation from White & Etherington and asked the clerk to obtain a quotation for a post and wire fence as an alternative. **Action – the clerk**

Eversley Park Children's Playground - the clerk confirmed that the repair of the swing is scheduled for Friday.

Eversley Park Cricket Nets – Members approved the sum of £50 for materials to repair the nets.

 Communications – Cllr White reported that 5 advertisers for the website had paid their annual subscription. The others are being warned of their impending deletion from the site.

F/12/138 Grant Applications

- Worthies Tenants Association Requesting a contribution of £500 towards an interpretation board showing the history of road names on the Springvale Estate. Members recommended a grant of £250.
- Victim Support. Requesting a grant of £200 towards supporting parishioners in Kings Worthy [25 were assisted last year]. Members recommended approval.
- Worthies Sports & Social Club Requesting £600 towards a spur path to the club-house at Eversley Park. Members recommended approval as it gives advantages to users of the recreation area. The clerk was asked to check with Caroway the strength of the vehicle access point. Action – the clerk

F/12/139 Budget 2013-14

Cllr Prince emphasised his desire for each committee to submit its bids for next year's budget at the December meeting for approval at the January PC meeting. The clerks were requested to circulate figures to facilitate the process.

Action – the clerks

Members express their desire not to increase the precept if possible. The clerk was asked to contact WCC to establish the additional revenue which will be generated from the housing developments in the parish over the past year. **Action – the clerk**

F/12/140 Asset Register

The photographs for the asset register are currently overdue; this has in part been a result of the inclement weather.

Cllrs Gordon, Welstead & Barnes are to arrange a meeting to determine the most appropriate way to take the project forward to achieve a target completion date of the 31 December 2012. **Action – Cllrs Gordon, Welstead & Barnes**

F/12/141 To Receive Statement of Accounts and Management Reports

Copies of the income and expenditure for the period ending 31 October 2012 together with a balance sheet [Copies attached] were circulated to members. The surplus on the current account stands at £11,463.

Members asked that the figures be circulated prior to the meeting with a monthly comparison. **Action – the deputy clerk**

F/12/142 RFO's and Clerk's Notices

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Damage from Trees – the clerk outline a recent incident whereby a branch from a PC owned tree had caused minor damage to a garage roof and fencing. After some discussion members asked the clerk to seek advice from HALC. Action – the clerk	
F/12/143	Chairman's Notices
None	
F/12/144	Authorise Invoices for Payment
The Committee received a schedule of invoices due for payment, agreed the schedule and signed the cheques. The total invoices for payment amounted to £5,507.62.	
F/12/145	Items for Discussion at the Next Meeting
The clerk was asked to include those items which were on-going, together with the Budget 2013-14.	
F/12/146	Date of next meeting
The next meeting was scheduled at 9.30am on the 12 December 2012.	
The meeting closed at 11.42am.	

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