

## **Minutes of the Finance and General Purpose Committee Meeting held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

**Present:** Councillor Willmott (Chair), Councillor Chaudry, Councillor Keogh, Councillor O'Brien, Councillor Oakley, Councillor Jones, Councillor Sheppard and Councillor Saunders.

In attendance: Sue Bauckham –Clerical Assistant

- 1. Apologies for Absence –**, Councillor Cunningham, Councillor Instone, Councillor Ross and Councillor Burgess.
- 2. Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interest –** None
- 3. To Confirm and Sign the Minutes of the Finance & General Purpose Committee of 6<sup>th</sup> September 2018**  
Councillor Jones proposed that the minutes of 6<sup>th</sup> September were a true and accurate record. This was seconded by Councillor Oakley All those present at the meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> September were in favour. Councillor Willmott signed the minutes.
- 4. Matters Arising from Minutes, not otherwise dealt with –**  
Councillor Willmott said that the litter bin that had been bought to replace the burnt out one on the Causeway was not needed as Canals & River Trust had replaced it. So instead after discussion with the park keepers it would be placed in Earlswood Leisure Park.
- 5. Invoices received/authority to pay**  
The payments list was displayed. Councillor Willmott proposed that a transfer of £8000 and the current payments as listed on the payments list were taken en bloc and approved (as per the Terms of Reference). This proposal was seconded by Councillor Jones. All in favour.
- 6. To consider items for the budget 2019/20**  
Councillor Willmott said that the budget has to be in by January so he would like it done by December. He asked if there were any items that could be added or changed. Councillor Jones asked if he knew of anything that may come from the district or County Councils, Councillor Willmott did not know of anything. He said it was an election year so costs had to be included for that. Councillor Oakley asked if gritting could be put in the budget, Councillor Willmott asked for costs for that. Councillor Oakley thought it might be £7,000 he was asked to find out the costs. Any other ideas or questions to be sent to Councillor Willmott.
- 7. To discuss policing and crime in the area**  
Councillor Oakley made comment that he was concerned about the idea of having space for disabled drivers to stop on The Causeway as space is very limited there. He suggested that it would be suitable for a red route. The clerical assistant then asked the councillors opinion on the draft survey for Malthouse Lane that had been produced as decide at the last meeting. Councillor Saunders said that the covering letter should explain the last 12 months and what has led to this. After discussion comments on the survey to be sent the clerk before it is sent out. There was discussion on delivering the survey to other roads, councillor Sheppard suggested to wait and see the response from Malthouse Lane first.
- 8. To discuss mobile speeding devices**  
This item was deferred until Councillor Cunningham will be present.
- 9. To consider changing the street lighting electricity supplier.**  
It was agreed to recommend to full council changing the electricity suppliers from the present suppliers Npower to new suppliers EON, proposed by Councillor Jones and seconded by Councillor Saunders. All in favour

**10. Report re the Parish Council on Earlswood Common Speed/Traffic Group.**

The Clerical assistant asked the councillors if the Parish Council would endorse the leaflet going to houses on the common regarding parking on the pavements. The Council had previously agreed to print out the leaflets. After a brief discussion this was agreed, it was also suggested to contact parking enforcement once the leaflets had gone out.

**11. Items for future agenda/any other business**

The clerical assistant raised 3 items of any other business

- A request had been made from chair of the TEF for a meeting with the 1857 trust and the clerk had only received two replies about this. Councillor Jones said that the meeting could be disregarded.
- The remaining councillors who hadn't yet changed to the council agreed office 365 email were asked to do this as the Clerk wants to make use of the shared access areas.
- The councillors were asked to take some Tommy Trail leaflets so they could help promote the event.

**12. Work around the Parish**

- PO - Sign opposite The Limes in Forshaw Heath is down- Clerical assistant said hat had been reported but would do again.
- JK – potholes by parking bay in front of the Coop.
- PO thanked that the fence and hedges on the corner of Springbrook Lane had been cut back and so the view onto The Common was much better.

**11. Date and time of the next meeting: Thursday 1st November – Tanworth Village Hall – approx. 7.50pm (Immediately following the conclusion of the meeting of the Planning Committee)**

The meeting closed at 20.40

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman of Meeting \_\_\_\_\_ Date