

Minutes of the meeting of the Belbroughton Parish Council Finance Committee held in the Meeting Room Belbroughton on Monday 18th July 2011

Present: Cllrs Scurrall (Chair), J Bradley, K Green, C Hine, T Jones, D Roberts, and P Shotton.

In attendance: Mrs C Limm, Clerk. Cllr Harvey and Mr K Nind also attended.

236/11 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Kitson and MacDonald.

237/11 Declarations of Interest

No interests were declared.

238/11 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting on 20th June were agreed and the Minute book signed by the Chairman.

239/11 Bank reconciliations

The bank reconciliations for the Council's two accounts were noted by the Committee and signed by the Chairman.

240/11 Accounts for Payment

The Clerk circulated a schedule of accounts for payment, including agreed maintenance grants for parish bodies. The payments were approved by the Committee.

A copy of the 2010/11 accounts for Belbroughton United Charities had now been received. The Committee noted for future reference that the Charity had reserves of over £20,000 and very little expenditure. Its reserves had increased during the year by about the same amount as the Council's grant.

241/11 Income and expenditure

The Clerk circulated information about income and expenditure to date for information.

242/11 Maintenance work

The Committee discussed whether the meeting room hedge should be cut routinely twice a year. It was agreed that the hedge should not be cut before end of July (after the main nesting season) and that the Council would consider whether another cut was required in the autumn.

The Clerk was asked to thank the County Council for the resurfacing work, which had been done well and efficiently, in the centre of Belbroughton. She was asked to query whether work on the raised path in the High Street had been completed.

243/11 Fairfield Villa lease

No comments had so far been received from the Club on the draft lease.

Cllr Jones said that Fairfield Villa Football Club had been scheduled to play 6 home games in August and he wondered if this could cause any problems, for example if the weather was wet there could be some damage to the surface. Mr Nind said that he would let the Football League know that the Council had some concerns about the number of matches. The Club had no control over the schedule, but would monitor the impact on the pitch and liaise with the Council over any problems.

244/11 Other Finance business

The request from the Romsley Art Group to use the meeting room for the Scarecrow Weekend was discussed. It had been agreed that the Council would consult the Scarecrow Committee about this. It was noted that an urgent decision about the booking might be required under delegated powers before the next Council meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

Signed.....Chairman