

**Minutes of the meeting of Belbroughton Parish Council Finance Committee
held on 18th August 2014 in the Jubilee Room Belbroughton Recreation Centre.**

Present: Councillors J Bradley, C Scurrrell, I Dalziel, K Green, T Jones, R Morgan, D Roberts and P. Shotton.

In attendance: John Farrell (Clerk). Four members of the public attended.

285/14 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr. Pawley. Apologies were also received from Cllr. Mabbett via e mail sent just prior to the meeting, but not seen by the clerk until after the meeting.

286/14 Declarations of interest. No interests were declared.

287/14 Dispensations. None were requested.

288/14 Minutes of previous meeting

The Minutes of the meeting on 21st July 2014 were approved.

289/14 Bank reconciliation:

The bank reconciliation for the Council's operational bank account was noted. Cllr. Bradley signing the bank statements and 'Quickbooks' reconciliation prints.

290/14 Accounts for Payment

The clerk circulated the list of items for payment in August. The Committee noted small adjustments of 60p and 6p to two payments due to bank errors in processing two cheques issued in July. A replacement cheque for £282.50 was issued payable to Redditch Borough Council in substitution of a cheque for the same amount payable to Bromsgrove District Council as B.D.C. had now passed its printing service to Redditch. The payments were authorised and Cllrs. Jones and Scurrrell would sign the cheques.

Two copies of the NALC publication 'Local Councils Explained' were now held by the clerk to assist with training requirements of councillors and the clerk.

291/14 Maintenance Work

Cllr. Roberts advised that the radar activated speed warning sign in Bell Heath had been damaged and removed to the County Council premises and required a quoted £366 of repairs. The County had advised that they would not be able to cover the cost. The Committee asked the clerk to write to the County Council expressing concern at this decision and that on road safety grounds the sign should be repaired and reinstated. The clerk was asked to copy the communication to County Councillor Rachel Jenkins.

Cllr. Roberts advised that following a meeting with County Council officer Richard Clewer a gully on Hackmans Gate Lane required re-siting following the works on the adjacent new footway. The Committee agreed that contractors R S Taylor be requested to carry out this work in line with their quotation of £250.

Cllr. Roberts advised that the path between the Belbroughton Recreation Centre and the school had become overgrown during the summer. The clerk was asked to instruct the lengthsman to tidy the area.

Cllr.Green requested that the 4 benches on Fairfield Recreation Ground are re-varnished. The Committee agreed and asked the clerk to organise via James Callaghan.

Cllr.Scurrrell advised that the when grass bank on the junction of Yew Tree Lane and Stourbridge Road was mown the cuttings should be removed. The clerk would inform the contractor.

Cllr.Scurrrell advised that the new bench at the junction of Yew Tree Lane and Stourbridge Road required varnishing – the Committee agreed that James Callaghan should also attend to this bench.

292/14 Any other Financial Business

None.

The meeting closed at 7.45 pm.

Signed.....Chairman