



Sodbury Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of Finance & General Purposes Committee

9th June 2020 via Zoom

Committee Members: Councillors B Allen (Chairman), J Ball (Vice), C Hays, M Lewis, P Rumney & A Williams

Present: Councillors B Allen, J Ball, C Hays, P Rumney & A Williams

Cate Davidson – Town Clerk

38. Apologies

No apologies were received. Cllr Lewis was absent.

39. Declarations of Interest

No interests were declared at this time.

40. Approval of Minutes of 18th February 2020

It was **Resolved** the Minutes of the 18th February 2020 are approved as an accurate record of the meeting and authorised for signing by the Chairman when he can access the office.

41. Matters Arising

The Clerk reported that the lease with Luke Hall MP has been renewed.

42. End of Year Report to 31st March 2020

The Clerk circulated a report and the income and expenditure report for 19/20. It was noted that the income received had been 105.4% of budget due to the CIL payment which was not budgeted for. Expenditure had been 94.9% of budget due to the contingency funds not being used.

Members noted that it is likely the COVID-19 pandemic will have an impact on the council tax base for next year which will lead to the Council having to make savings if it doesn't want a significant increase to households. In addition, the spring Mop Fair was cancelled and it is possible the autumn one will be too leading to a loss of income for the current year.

43. Budget Report to 31st May 2020

The Clerk circulated the income and expenditure report to 31st May 2020. It was noted that income is at 49.7% and expenditure at 14.3% which is as expected at this time.

44. Town Council Property

The Clerk reported that she has spoken to Sodbury in Bloom in relation to maintenance of the garden adjoining the Snuggery. Discussion have already been had with SiB who have expressed an interested in using the facilities of the Snuggery.

It was **Resolved** that once the Snuggery is in a suitable condition SiB have access to the washroom and kitchen facilities; the Council is to put a lock on the "bedroom" and use it as a storage area; An outdoor tap is to be installed for SiB to use for a hose;

SiB has permission to plant 4 fruit trees in the area between the community garden and the snuggery garden. The Clerk is to work with SiB in relation to this matter.

The Clerk reported that she is working with South Glos Council to get the public conveniences open as soon as possible. At this stage SGS is arranging appropriate deep cleaning and frequent cleaning to cover the immediate future and thanks were expressed to SGC for this. The Clerk has asked SGC to provide a quote for the cleaning contract for the facilities and this is to be taken up with the E & L Committee.

45. Items to report

The Clerk advised that she has received a Grant Application form from The Vintage Birdcage Cakery for £500 towards the soup run that has been ongoing during the pandemic. It was **Resolved** that this application is approved and the Clerk makes the necessary payment.

Cllr Williams advised that the field behind the Church in Old Sodbury is suffering with anti-social behaviour. Cllr Ball reported that the bin in the Clocktower bus shelter is being used for drugs transactions. The Clerk is to report both matters to the SGC anti-social behaviour team.

Cllr Rumney has been liaising with South Glos Council in relation to dog waste problems in Catchpot Lane.

46. Date of next meeting: 22nd September, 19.30 via Zoom

The meeting closed at 20:17

Signed

Dated