

SOUTH HANNINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a council meeting held on Thursday 19th December 2019 in Downham Village Hall.

Present: The Chairman and Councillors Whitehead, Black, Huntington, Marsello, Bonnett, Coveley, Vallis, Burgess and Vickers. One parishioner was also in attendance and the Clerk kept the minutes.

1. Apologies for Absence – Councillors Mitchell and Walker.

2. Disclosure of Interests – None.

3. Public Speaking Time – The member of public came to observe the meeting.

4. Finance –

a) Ratification and Authority to Issue Cheques – Proposed by Cllr Black, seconded Cllr Vallis:

Ratify

104914	Tracy Clarke	Tree decay report	£ 1056.00
104915	E Barker	Cleaning Sports Pavilion	£ 140.00
104916	RHVH	2019 Hall hire fees	£ 206.00
104917	BCG Direct	Cartridges/stationery	£ 225.58
104918	J Moule	Re-imb printer items	£ 115.68

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104919	R H Tidnam	Heater installation S/Pav	£ 1686.00
104920	Kompan	Quarterly play inspection	£ 324.00

b) 30th November 2019 Month End Accounts – The Clerk reported we are currently within budget. Forms have been sent off regarding the Metro Bond account closure. There were no questions.

c) Report from Councillor Whitehead, Chairman of the Finance Committee – Councillor Whitehead confirmed we are currently in a strong financial position. Only one Cil payment has been received during this financial year, but more are expected next year.

d) Discuss and agree the recommendation from the Finance Committee to increase the 2020-21 Precept by £2348, being 2.791% - Proposed by Cllr Whitehead, seconded by Cllr Black, all in favour.

e) Discuss and agree the amount to invest in a new savings account and with which establishment – After lengthy discussion, members unanimously agreed to invest £40,000 in a Nationwide 95-day saver account.

5. Matters for Information –

- a) Cllr Vickers confirmed the hedge in South Hanningfield Rd, has now been cut.
- b) Cllr Black reported the football pitches are not playable this weekend.
- c) Cllr Black reported the heaters in the Sports Pavilion are now on a timer and cannot be tampered with and these will switch on automatically if the temperature falls below a certain level.
- d) Cllr Whitehead asked the Clerk to add “Strengthening Police Powers to tackle unauthorised encampments” and “Sound system” to the next Agenda.
- e) The Clerk reported that Chelmsford City Council will no longer be supplying residents with additional rolls of plastic sacks for recycling or dog litter bags, due to cutbacks.
- f) Cllr Burgess wished all members and the Clerk a Merry Christmas.
- g) The Chairman thanked everyone once again for their support during the year.

6. Date of Next Meeting – The Clerk confirmed this will be Thursday 9th January 2020 commencing 7.45pm in Ramsden Heath Village Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.11pm.

Approved as a true record.

Signed.....Dated.....