

Minutes of the Meeting of Sedbergh Parish Council Finance Committee

Held online via Zoom @ 5.00pm Monday 7th December 2020

Present:

Cllrs Capstick, McPherson, Brooks and the Clerk, Miss Hassam

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Lancaster, and accepted by the meeting. It was agreed that Cllr McPherson would Chair the meeting in his absence.

2. Declaration of Interests

There were no Declarations of Interest.

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting held Monday 9th November 2020

The minutes were received, agreed and confirmed by Cllr McPherson (signing of the minutes will be processed when reasonable).

4. Urgent Business

There was no urgent business to note this month.

5. Coronavirus – Impact on Income/Budget 2020/2021

No specific update for this financial year, other than the anticipated reduction in car park income during Lockdown 2.0 (5th November 2020).

6. Financial Summary and Bank Reconciliation

The Financial Summary for November had been circulated to Members and all payments were recommended (attached) for approval at Full Council. In addition, it was noted that the invoice for water consumption at Main Street toilets covered two quarters. The Bank Reconciliation for November was checked and found to be correct. All cheques approved, will be signed following the Full Council online meeting on 10th December 2020.

7. Income and Expenditure 2020-2021

The Income and Expenditure report for 2020/2021 was circulated for information.

- i) The updated Draft Budget 2021-2022 included the additional sum for the playground reserve (£3,000 per annum). Members noted that it had been resolved (at the November 2020 Full Council meeting) that the Precept remain the same for 2021/2022. The Clerk confirmed that when the tax base figure was confirmed by South Lakeland District Council (anticipated late in December) the Precept could be finalised at the January Full Council meeting.

8. Grant Applications

There were no Grant applications for November.

9. Loftus Hill car park – proposed lease, Sedbergh School and request for financial assistance toward electric vehicle charging points.

Cllr McPherson had received confirmation from Sedbergh School in regard to the split of electricity costs (as noted at the November meeting) for the proposed EV charging points, in particular, the costs for electricity consumption when not in use by Sedbergh Parish Council.

10. Electric Vehicle Charging (Charge My Street) – proposed lease at Joss Lane car park and the People's Hall car park.

A draft lease has been received from Charge My Street and has been forwarded to the Parish Council Solicitor for initial observations. The Clerk confirmed that some correspondence had been received from the People's Hall Management Committee in respect of the EV points proposed at the Hall and that a further update would be received from them following their December meeting.

11. Festive Lighting – update

Members noted that the majority of the festoon lighting was now in place and awaited the final invoice. Members wished to note the positive feedback that had been received in respect of all the festive lighting erected throughout the town, with thanks and compliments noted to the contractor.

12. Date of next meeting – Monday 11th January 2021 at 5pm, Members resolved to continue the Finance Committee meetings via Zoom at this time.