

DRAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Finance Committee held on
Monday 18th October 2010 at 8.10 pm
in the Pavilion, King George V Playing Field, Drayton

PRESENT

Mr L Goodrum (Chair)

Mrs H Kisby Mr K Morgan Mr P Stebbing Mr A Thompson Mr L Wilkinson

Mr J Gotts (Clerk)

2 Parish Councillors Mr D Mack and Mr W Morgan

1. Apologies for absence

There were no apologies, as everyone was present.

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. **Break for Parishioners to Speak**

No one wished to speak.

4. **General Matters**

4.1. Changes of Financial Regulations

As there had been statutory changes made to the Financial Regulations, it was decided to review the Council's Regulations. The Clerk had prepared a schedule and the Chair of Finance had suggested some other changes. The following schedule numbers were agreed to be changed and other items inserted under an appropriate heading.

1.1, 1.5, 2.5 (added), 3.3, 3.4 (amended to £3000), 4.1, 4.2, 6.3, 10.2 11.2(b)(i) was not changed, 11.2(b)(ii), was changed and made bold, 11.2(b)(iii), 11.2(f) changed to (f)(i) and to read two members, 11.2(f)(iii) added, 17.1 to be bold and 17.2 was added. During discussion of this matter, Mr Anderson raised the matter of the Clerk and his expenses claim. The original copy of the Clerk's suggested changes with the Chairman's proposals is attached to these minutes. These changes were proposed to be presented to the full Council Meeting for their approval by proposition of Mr Anderson and seconded by Mr Morgan.

4.2 Insurance Cover 2011-2012

The Clerk requested that he should be allowed to obtain quotes from other Insurance Companies for the next Financial year. For some years the Council has only used Zurich and the Clerk felt, as he has in other elements, he should go out to find the best value quote. After much discussion, a proposal; was made by Mr Morgan and seconded by Mr Wilkinson that the Clerk should try out the market from different companies to get the best value for the Council. Mr Stebbing made a Counter proposal, seconded by Mr Thompson that the Clerk should get specimen policies, so these can be compared to see the cover is adequate and then quotes obtained. On the amended proposal this was passed 6-1.

5. Exchange of Information.

Mr Anderson asked if there had been any news on whether the Precept could be increased this year, with the Government's spending plans. If not he felt the budgets should not be made till this has been clarified.

Mr Thompson raised two matters. The first was to propose that First Ade Computers should be paid a monthly figure for their services. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact Mr Bowden to discuss, such an arrangement. The second matter was to allow the Clerk to make payments through the bank, rather than sending cheques. It was agreed the Clerk should contact Broadland Council for their advice on the matter

The next meeting will be held on the 9th December 2010 at 7 pm, at the King George the Fifth Playing Field, Drayton High Road, Drayton

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 9-20 pm.

Signed by.....

Mr Len Goodrum,

Chairman of Finance Committee

Dated 4th November 2010