

Hoo St Werburgh Parish Council
Minutes from Finance, Audit and General Purposes Committee
Held in Pottery Road Meeting Room on Thursday 16th January 2020 at 2.00pm

Councillors Present: ***Williams***
 Sands
 Pratt
 Tildesley
 Savage

Also, Present: Parish Clerk.

CLLr Williams chaired the meeting.

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received from CLLrs Cutting and Counsell.

2. Declaration of Interests.

No interests were declared.

3. Infants Play Area – Additional Play Equipment

The Clerk circulated quotations for additional play equipment for the infants play area that was needed to meet the Section 106 requirements.

These were discussed and three pieces of additional equipment were agreed (Williams/Tildesley) as follows:

Crazy Twister £1006.00
Turnstile £827.00
Rock n Bowl £1940.00
Total Cost £3817.00

It was agreed that the Clerk would liaise with Medway Council to ensure that the selected play equipment met their Section 106 requirements, and this would then be a recommendation to Full Council on 6th February.

Action: Clerk to progress.

4. Brook Embankment.

The Chairman reported that the Allotments had been flooded in December 2019 due to a blockage in the Brook. He had been reported to Medway Council and they had taken immediate action to remedy this.

Unfortunately, the flooding had caused damage to the Brook embankment making this unstable. He stated that it was not an immediate risk, however action was needed to ensure that this was reinstated.

It was agreed that a quotation should be sought from the contractor who carried out the previous work on the Brook.

Action: Clerk to action.

5. Parish Council Bank Account.

The Clerk reported that the application for the new bank account was being progressed as agreed by the PC.

6. Other Matters

Cllr Sands spoke regarding the Section 106 allocation for Deangate and stated that Medway Council would now determine where the £50,000 allocation would be spent, he stated that the PC needed to ensure that this remained in the parish.

He spoke regarding Affordable Housing and suggested that this was an issue to be discussed at a future meeting.

The meeting was closed at 3.18pm

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Summary of Recommendations

1. Youth Provision in the Parish

Recommendation to place an allocation of £2000 for youth provision in the 2020/2021 budget.

2. Litter Bins

Recommendation to have Medway Norse supply and install 3 new bins at Pottery Road Recreation Ground and 1 at Hoo Common.

Total Cost £1500.72 + vat

This quotation is to supply and install the bins, this compares to a quotation to purchase the bins directly from the supplier at a cost of £1287.28 + vat, this does not include delivery and installation.