

Minutes 22nd November 2018
Elmstead Parish Council – Finance Committee
Community Centre, School Road, Elmstead Market, CO7 7ET

Present: Councillors Jean Routledge (Chairman), Nick Bell, Mike Kirby and Martine Ward
Mrs Baxter (clerk), Cllr Paul Beard
Absent: Cllr Solma Ahmed

Meeting commenced at 7.30pm

- 18/028 Apologies of Absence**
None
- 18/029 Declaration of Pecuniary Interests and Non Pecuniary Interests**
None
- 18/030 To approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting of 12th April 2018.**
It was resolved to accept the Minutes of the meeting of 12th April 2018 as true and accurate.
Proposed: Cllr Routledge, Seconded: Cllr Kirby, all in favour.
- 18/031 2018/19 Second Quarter Review**
To review the expenditure for the second quarter of 2018/19 against the set budget.
The expenditure was reviewed and it was noted that the reasons for any overspend are clear. The committee checked what items were in the councillors' expenses figure.
- 18/032 Elmstead in Bloom**
To consider the impact of the demise of EIB.
There will be no impact to the PC in the current financial year. Mr Dingwall is happy to add an extra 1 hour a week to his duties to cover tasks that were done by EIB. This will be an average over the year, with the hours being concentrated when they are needed.
- 18/033 Street Lighting – LEDs**
To consider information received from our lighting contractor regarding the current LED lamps and costs to maintain or replace.
The committee looked at the problems with the current lamps and compared the costs of fixing them with the costs of replacing them. It was discussed that they need replacing, and if you split the installation of the replacements then some may still fail and need fixing in the meantime. At this time of the year it's important that all the lights are working. It was resolved that the committee recommends to the council that all LED lamps are replaced in one go with the expenditure to be paid from the PC's general reserve. Proposed: Cllr Routledge, Seconded: Cllr Ward, all in favour.
The clerk is to ask the contractor if the PC can have a discount for replacing all the lamps at the same time. The clerk is also to check the Kelvin rating of the lamps to check for the colour of the light. A warmer light (not blue) is beneficial for bats.
- 18/034 Matters raised by Councillors for the next agenda or for information only.**
Cllr Kirby has received no confirmation from Barclays that he has been added as a signatory to the account. The clerk is to call Barclays and check what happened to the paperwork.

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18/035 Date of next meeting

This will be the 9th or 10th January depending on whether there is a need for a planning committee meeting on the 10th.

18/036 Meeting Closes

The meeting closed at 8.17pm

Minuted by Mrs. A Baxter

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