

West Rainton & Leamside Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held on

At 19:00 on Thursday 18 June 2020

(Remote Meeting Via Zoom Technology –

Permissible under Sec 78 of the Corona Virus Act 2020)

Present: Councillors M Boettcher, I Diggory, I Haddick (Chairman), P Lowrie, G Storey & A Wallage

In attendance:

M Ramshaw, Parish Clerk

NOTE The meeting was not audio or video recorded.

1) Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllr M Gilbank (holiday) Cllr Kellett (unable to access via technology) and Cllr Morson (unable to access via technology).

Parish Council resolved to approve these absences.

2) Declarations of interest

It was agreed that declarations of interest would be dealt with as and when the need arose.

3) Public Participation

Despite the meeting being published on the website and the noticeboards no members of the public had enquired for the detail to participate in the meeting online.

4) Minutes

Parish Council resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 21 May 2020 be approved as a correct record.

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5) Finance Report

PART FOR
A: INFORMATION

1. INCOME

Burial (RO - JH) J Maynell Funeral Services	£156.00
Headstone (FG)	£76.00

2. EXPENDITURE

A) Expenditure previously agreed by Parish Council due this month

ITEM	PAYEE	PURPOSE	AMOUNT (£)	CHEQUE NO.
1	M Ramshaw	Parish Clerk Net Salary - June 2020	387.86	303079
2	HM Revenue and Customs Only 465PD00171320	HMRC Liabilities - June 2020	97.00	303080
3	Special Branch Tree Services	Cemetery Grounds Maintenance - May 2020	308.40	303081
TOTAL			793.26	

B) Expenditure requiring approval

ITEM	PAYEE	PURPOSE	AMOUNT (£)	BUDGET PROVISION	CHEQUE NO.
5	M Ramshaw	Reimbursement - Cemetery Signage (No Entry Signage)	28.66	Y	303082
6	M Ramshaw	Reimbursement - 1st class stamps (21/2/20 (6) £4.20, 12/3/20 (6) £4.20, 23/4/20 (6) £4.56 & 29/5/20 (12) £9.12	22.08	Y	303083
TOTAL			50.74		

C) Bank Balances - For Information

	£
Total Expenditure A + B	844.00
Current A/C bank balance if all paid	59948.03
Reserve Account Balance	15140.02

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Parish Council resolved to:

1. Note income, expenditure and bank balances reported for information.
2. Approve expenditure listed in Part B.

6) 2019/20 Budget Outturn Position & Q4 Report

The Parish Clerk referred members to the previously circulated outturn reports for Q4 and the 2019/20 budget. The Parish Clerk advised members on the financial position of the Council and the detail included within the Reports. **Parish Council resolved** to agree both Reports.

7) Planning Applications

No planning applications had been made to DCC for the Parish area since the last Parish Council meeting.

8) St Marys Church Clock – Future maintenance arrangements

The Parish Council has been approached by Annabel Burns with regards to the ongoing maintenance of the Clock. The Church Council have engaged The Cumbria Clock Company to do the remedial work for the restoration of the clock. This is being funded through a grant obtained from the Hargreaves fund. Annabel has asked if Parish Council would consider using The Cumbria Clock Company to carry out the ongoing maintenance of the clock due to them working on the restoration.

The Parish Clerk advised that the current costs for maintenance are £217+VAT from Smith of Derby. The Cumbria Clock Company have quoted £185+VAT. The Parish Clerk advised that he didn't have any details around the proposed maintenance agreement although Annabel advises that the electronic chime is included.

The Parish Clerk was asked to get the maintenance agreement from the Cumbria Clock Company to ensure it meets all requirements and providing this is acceptable **Parish Council resolved to agree** to terminate the existing agreement with Smith of Derby.

9) Request to plant green space (Finchale View)

Cllr Haddick advised that he had spoken to County Councillor Hall regarding the situation and he advised that the Parish Council could apply to him if funding was required. Cllr Haddick had also spoken to the resident.

Cllr Diggory advised that the fence had now been repaired. He reiterated the view that one resident has sought for the area to be planted however there are many other residents who actually use the green space for activities.

Cllr Haddick suggested that the large black tub be relocated to the area from Leamside corner and a new tub be purchased for Leamside corner. This would be an amendment to the Parish Planting Plan. **Parish Council resolved** to approve this approach.

10) Parish Planting Plan

Cllr Haddick advised that the Green Group had been looking at the use of weed killer around the Village as a part of the Parish Plan. The Green Group have also become involved in ideas

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for planting around the Village which included a suggestion to plant wildflowers in some areas. One area identified was an area of grass on Benridge Bank where spraying has killed the grass. No consultation had taken place with the Parish Council regarding this suggestion. Cllr Haddick expressed his concern that any decision regarding planting throughout the Village should come back to the Parish Council.

Cllr Haddick advised that he had discussed the planting with DCC who have agreed to seed the area on Benridge Bank with grass seed although they are limited to strimming the area at the beginning and end of the Year. **Parish Council resolved** to approve the Parish Council taking on responsibility for maintenance of the area and the Parish Clerk to ask the current Cemetery maintenance contractor to strim the area on a monthly basis. This would be at an additional cost to the existing contract.

Cllr Wallage advised of some of the good work done by the Green Group throughout the Village and it was felt that the Green Group could be approached to produce a plan on the Village and highlight any proposals to improve the appearance of the Village. Parish Council could then consider such a Plan.

11) Grant Applications 2020/21

The Parish clerk advised that two grant applications previously approved had not be paid due to the current pandemic and cancellation of events. The Brownies trip to the pantomime is still a possibility so Parish Clerk to monitor the situation and produce cheque if going ahead.

12) Cemetery – Update

The Parish Clerk advised thatthe kerb-set that had been installed in the lawned area of the cemetery had now been removed.

A new sign has also been erected for no vehicular access to the cemetery.

13) General Correspondence

Request from Emily Burns – spotlight on the Parish Council. Parish Council discussed this and agreed that it would be positive to include a spotlight article on the Parish Council as a whole rather than individual Councillors.

Cllr Diggory felt that it was important for the Parish Council to work more closely with the Village Partnership. Cllr Wallage agreed to draft an article for consultation.

Fires opposite the Garage –Cllr Boettcher advised that some fires had been lit near the Garage. Cllr Haddick agreed to email the new PCSO for the area.

14) Date and Time of Next Meeting

Parish Council noted the next Parish Meeting to be held 16th July 2020 at 19:00. The Meeting will be held with due regard to Government guidance regarding the Covid 19 pandemic.

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