

BINGLEY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD AT THE COTTINGLEY CORNERSTONE CENTRE, LITTLELANDS, COTTINGLEY ON WEDNESDAY 8th FEBRUARY 2017 AT 6:30PM

Councillors present.	Councillor Beckwith, Dawson, Dearden, Goode, Hardman, O'Neill, Simpson and Varley
Councillors in attendance not a member of this committee.	None
In attendance.	Ruth Batterley, Clerk
Members of the public.	Twelve, part of meeting

Start: 6:30pm

Finish: 8:00pm

1617/116 Apologies for absence

Resolved to approve the apologies of absence for Councillor Winnard (personal). Proposed Councillor Dawson, seconded Councillor Simpson and agreed. All were in favour.

1617/117 Disclosures of interest

- a) **To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda.**
- b) **To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interest**
- c) **To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate.**

Councillor Dawson advised she is a former member of Bingley Walkers Are Welcome. Councillor Goode declared his interest as a member of the Friends of Prince of Wales Park.

No written requests for dispensation had been received.

1617/118 To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 11th January 2017

Resolved to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 11th January 2017. Proposed Councillor Simpson, seconded Councillor O'Neill and agreed. All were in favour.

1617/119 Public Participation

Members of the public are reminded that this is their opportunity to speak to the meeting on any topic relevant to the work of the council. However, they may not speak during the rest of the meeting unless specifically invited to do so by the Chairman.

All members of the public were in attendance regarding their group's grant application.

Item 1617/121 was taken at this point of the meeting.

1617/121 Consideration of grant applications

- a) **All Saints Church, Bingley – contribution to safe and inclusive path to church**
- b) **All Saints Bingley Bell Ringers- contribution to repair works for church bells**
- c) **Beckfoot and Bingley Tennis Club- lines and nails for court**
- d) **Cottingley Guides- contribution to step to Guide hut**
- e) **Eldwick Tennis Club- posts and nets**
- f) **Prince of Wales Park- gazebo and toilets for park event**
- g) **Ryshworth Rangers football club- training equipment and coaching / first aid training**
- h) **Walkers Are Welcome- advertising for walking festival**

- a) **All Saints Church, application for contribution to a safe and inclusive path.** Questions were asked about other contributions to the path from the Church of England Diocese. It was noted that the congregation has raised £30,000 towards the cost of a new path to the church. The Church Restoration Fund has awarded £50,000 towards the cost of the path. The clerk advised that the power to award the money for this path comes from section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

Resolved to award a grant of £2,000 towards a safe and inclusive path for All Saints Church, Bingley. Proposed Councillor Simpson, seconded Councillor Dawson and agreed. All were in favour, bar one abstention from the vote.

- b) **All Saints Bingley Bell Ringers,** application for contribution to repair of church bells. The clerk advised that the power to award this money comes from section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

Resolved to award a grant of £1,650.60 to the All Saints Bingley Bell Ringers towards the repair of the church bells. Proposed Councillor Hardman, seconded Councillor Varley and agreed. All were in favour.

- c) **Beckfoot and Bingley Tennis Club,** application for lines and nails for court.

Resolved to award £468 to the Beckfoot and Bingley Tennis Club. Proposed Councillor Goode, seconded Councillor Dawson and agreed. All were in favour.

- d) **Cottingley Guides,** application for contribution to step of Guide hut.

Resolved to award £2,000 to Cottingley Guides and Rainbows Hut Support group. Proposed Councillor Goode, seconded Councillor Simpson and agreed. All were in favour.

- e) **Eldwick Tennis Club,** posts and nets. Further information is to be requested of the group with an invitation to come back to the March Finance and General Purposes committee meeting.

- f) **Friends of Prince of Wales Park,** gazebo and toilets for park event.

Resolved to award £434 to the Friends of Prince of Wales Park. Proposed Councillor Varley, seconded Councillor Dawson and agreed. All were in favour.

- g) **Ryshworth Rangers Football Club,** training equipment and coaching/first aid equipment.

Resolved to award Ryshworth Rangers Football Club £755 for training packs, two courses, balls and bags. Proposed Councillor Dearden, seconded Councillor O'Neill and agreed. All were in favour.

- h) **Bingley Walkers Are Welcome,** advertising for walking festival.

Resolved to award Bingley Walkers are Welcome £500 for advertising for the walking festival. Proposed Councillor Goode, seconded Councillor Varley and agreed. All were in favour. Councillor Dawson abstained from the vote.

All members of the public left the meeting.

1617/120 To receive information on the following ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary:

- a) Allotments
- b) Review of Terms of Reference
- c) Website

- a) Allotments. The clerk noted that she has been advised by the solicitor that the Beck Lane and Stanley Street allotment sites have transferred to the town council. A question was raised about insurance for the town council owned gates and fences at Stanley Street and Beck Lane. The clerk advised that she had reported this at a previous meeting and will investigate this again further.
- b) Terms of Reference. The revised terms of reference for the Finance and General Purposes committee had been circulated with the meeting papers. **Resolved** that the revised terms of reference be recommended to the full council for its approval. Proposed Councillor Goode, seconded Councillor Simpson and agreed. All were in favour.
- c) Website. Councillor Simpson noted that the first session of website training is to take place on 10/02/17. The website will go live imminently.

1617/122 Promotional items

- a) **To consider the purchase of promotional items for Bingley Town Council**

Resolved to allocate up to £1,000 for promotional items to include the feather banner, pvc banner, pull up banner, suggestions box and door signs. The order is to be placed with Footprints Co-op. Councillor Varley will liaise with clerk about the order for these items. Proposed Councillor Dawson, seconded Councillor Simpson and agreed. All were in favour.

1617/123 Newsletter

- a) **To approve the draft of the newsletter**

Councillor Dawson was thanked for her work on the newsletter.

Resolved to approve the draft of the newsletter as circulated. Proposed Councillor Dearden, seconded Councillor Goode and agreed. All were in favour.
Councillor Goode left the meeting at 8:05pm and returned at 8:08pm.

1617/124 Bank reconciliation

- a) **To receive the bank reconciliation for January 2017**

Resolved to receive the bank reconciliation for January 2017. Proposed Councillor Simpson, seconded Councillor Dawson and agreed. All were in favour.

1617/125 Finance

Payments

- a) **To note the following payments:**

• Ruth Batterley	mileage	Oct 2016 -Jan 2017	£15.03
• O2	Airtime	December 2016	£12.00
• O2	Device	December 2016	£5.00

Receipts

• 11/01/17	allotment rent	£33.99
• 11/01/17	bank refund incorrect payment	£1,008
• 11/01/17	bank refund incorrect payment	£86.70
• 11/01/17	allotment rent	£13.96

The payments received to date were noted.

1617/126 Next Meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee

To note the date for the next meeting of the committee as being **Wednesday 8th March 2017 at Cottingley Cornerstone Centre**