

SISTON PARISH COUNCIL

Finance Committee

Report of Finance Committee meeting held on Thursday 7th January 2021 via Zoom.

In attendance Cllrs Andrew Stacey, Gloria Smith, Alan Bryant, Pippa Gibbs and the Clerk, Mrs Ali Adams.

1. Cllr. Stacey, Chair opened meeting.

2. Members reviewed the Precept justification, Cllr Bryant Proposed to accept, Cllr Smith Seconded.

Action – Precept to be put to Full Council on the 21st Jan to be submitted to South Glos by the deadline of 29th Jan 2021.

3. Members again reviewed the following 2020/21 projects with a view to deciding whether to carry forward if work not completed during current financial year the following items were discussed:

a. Raleigh/Humber cycle sign – contractor unable to arrange work until 2021.

Recommend: Clerk to contact contractor to see if we can get this work started this financial year.

b. Commons improvements discussed again.

Recommend: Friends of Siston Commons group to apply for grants on a project by project basis rather than a larger pot for them to draw from as and how they want. This is no different than what was decided at the last meeting so no need to communicate anything further.

4. Members approved the Budget for 21/22. Proposed by Alan Bryant, Seconded by Gloria Smith. Budget to be submitted to Full Council 21st Jan 2021.

5. Members reviewed the replacement of the War Memorial Flood light.

The clerk informed them of the quote of £280 plus VAT to replace the existing unit with a new 80w warm white (3000k) LED flood light. Andrew Stacey proposed acceptance of this quote, Alan Bryant seconded.

It was discussed that funding of this could be taken from the NS&I account or CIL funds could be used. Final decision was not made.

Clerk to contact the electrician to arrange installation. Chair has the key to the electricity supply so the work can be carried out as soon as the electrician is available.

CIL funding

Clerk to seek clarification of CIL fund distribution and any time frames within which they have to be used up.

Localism Contract – this has been received to 2021/22 – agreed to be discussed at the next Finance meeting. Deadline for acceptance is the end of March 2021.

Warmley Skate Park – Vandalism repairs carried out again this week. Cost is not great and is shared between the three Parishes but it was noted that if this happens regularly then the cumulative costs could become significant. Clerk to keep note of occurrences.

Minutes taken by the Clerk.