## SHENSTONE PARISH COUNCIL



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## APPROVED MINUTES OF FINANCE, LEGAL, HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE 29th JANUARY 2019

41. Register of Members in attendance.

Cllrs Sheila Beilby, Rita Hancocks, Gail Nicholls, Jean Wilson, Stuart Jones, Charles Fordham, Mick Cox. Clerk/RFO: Shirley O'Mara

42. Apologies Received.

Cllr David Salter.

43. Declarations of interest on agenda items.

All declarations of interest covered by blanket dispensations previously approved at Full Council.

44. Public Participation.

None

45. Approve minutes of last Finance, Legal, Health & Safety meeting Tuesday November 21st 2018. Approved & signed.

46. Finance.

The Clerk shared the current banking position as follows:

Unity bank £129,595.00. Nat West Current account £980.00. Nat West Reserve £3095.71 & Nat West Liquidity (ear marked funds for new cemetery) £140,104.73. Stonnall Neighbourhood Plan still holds £11,040.

The Clerk also shared details of November transactions highlighting two invoices from Austen Prince for payroll services & Boldmere Computers for the service contract (attached)

47. Community Grants.

The Committee reviewed and assessed seventeen applications for community grants- full details on spreadsheet attached with recommendations to Full Council as detailed.

48. Approve purchase of new "Arnold Baker Local Council Administration" Guide book. RECOMMENDATION: Purchase approved

49. Playground inspections.

A quote from Playdale totalling £666.90 has been received for the inspection of the grounds in the three wards. This includes a 5% discount as members of "Fields in Trust". RECOMMENDATION: Council accept quote and proceed.

50. Next meeting of the Finance, Legal, Health & Safety Committee March 19<sup>th</sup> 2019 2.00pm Parish Council Office.

51. A.O.B.

Cllr Cox raised the issue of increased crime in Stonnall & drew attention to the Local Government and Rating Act 1997 which confers on the Parish Council the power to:

(a) install and maintain any equipment, (b) establish and maintain any scheme, or (c) assist others to install and maintain any equipment or to establish and maintain any scheme for the purposes of crime prevention.

The Committee agreed that Council should investigate any means of assistance such as increased lighting or CCTV outside the shops. The Clerk was charged with investigating measures taken by other Parish Council's and report back to Full Council.

Andesign have provided a quote for £362.00 for the purchase of two new village signs. RECOMMENDATION: Full Council approval.

Meeting times: It was proposed that the times of future Finance, Legal, Health & Safety Committee meetings be amended to 2.00. All members were in agreement.

Cllr Nicholls intends to attend the next S.C.A.R meeting to raise the subject of the bollards on Cartersfield Lane. She also requested that a tree on the corner of the same lane be trimmed back & tidied up.

Cllr Fordham will be attending Stonnall Coffee Club on Weds 30<sup>th</sup> Jan to advice on insurance issues.