

Hurworth Parish Council

Finance Committee meeting

held at Hurworth Grange

at 8.45 pm on 6th June 2013

1. Those present:- Tony Winnett, Tony Needham, Ken Pattison, Jeff Kemp, John Howard, Jean Peacock, Val Hughes, Peter Foster,

2. Apologies for absence:- Chris Pratt, Ian Holme; not present: Norma Kyle

Also present: Peter Allan, Parish Clerk

3. Declarations of Interest: None declared at this point.

4. The Minutes of the Finance Committee dated 16th November 2012, were accepted; proposed by Jean Peacock and Seconded by Peter Foster.

5. Financial Review

The updated Financial Report had been circulated to all councillors, and was accepted; this included all of the suggested projects as distributed on the Project Schedule.

A Summary of the Available funds was presented which showed the net amount available for projects over the next 24 months. This amounted to £49,000, after allowing for the statutory contingency.

6. Projects

The 2012 Project Schedule was revisited, for reference, and notes made of projects which were still under consideration. These were carried forward into the discussion.

The Schedule of current suggestions, having been previously distributed to all councillors, was then reviewed, with the following outcomes and comments:-

Project Name	Proposer	Details	Cost element	Comment/ conclusion
Exercise equipment for installation at Hurworth Grange	Val Hughes	4 items, including installation and 'matting.	5000	Project accepted, 4 quotations requested; two received and one in abeyance.

Traffic Monitors	Ken Pattison	3 units, 4 posts, with remote data collection feature.	7,000	Accepted, go ahead with the order and installation.
Lychgate area clean up and tree trimming.	Resident request	Requires planning permission for TPO trees.	750	Leave in, and get more details from the DBC arborist.
Strait Lane Parking	Norma Kyle	Constructing a parking zone at the bottom of Strait Lane.	4000	This is not HPC land, and DBC has stated that we cannot install a mesh surface. The residents need to pursue this through DBC, but HPC opposed in principle as previous Jan 2013 minutes.
Village Green interior road works	Tony Needham	Resurfacing several areas of the road.	3500	Purchase order placed
Monument on the Green	Tony Winnett	Monument to remember those who died in the 17 th century plague	550	Order placed
Tree survey:-				
1. Hurworth Grange	Ken Pattison & Peter Foster	A survey of all trees which are HPC property should, ideally, be made every year.	1200	Order to be placed with DBC (Phil Haynes)
2. Rest of the trees on HPC property				
				Accepted, but more details required.

War memorial	Jeff Kemp	Total clean up of the cenotaph monument. Will require a stone mason.	1000	Accepted, Jeff Kemp to make arrangements for quotations, etc
Youth Club: 1. New equipment as requested 2. Assistance with the Youth Leader salary	Ken Pattison & Val Hughes	Equipment for the youth club drop in.	1000	Accepted, Clerk to send cheque.
	Ken Pattison	Shared costs of supporting DACYM	1250 for each of 3 years	Ken Pattison to obtain a clearer understanding of what HPC is being asked to support.
Allotment facilities	Allotment holder request. Norma Kyle and Ian Holme to manage.	Earth toilet and fencing	1000	This will be discussed at the Allotment Meeting on 13 th June 2013.
Flood problems	Ken Pattison	Contingency	3000	Rejected, as not primary HPC responsibility
Local Authority Pack	Ken Pattison	Planting of shrubs, etc to encourage bee pollination.	2250	Agreed subject to a clearer definition of the requirement and benefits.
Hurworth Grange road	Jeff Kemp	Resurfacing of the entrance road		The cost is still unknown. Jeff Kemp will investigate further, and this will be discussed at a later date. 3 quotations are required.

Friends of Rockcliffe Court	Request from association	Financial support under Section 137	150	Agreed, subject to match funding.
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The total allocation, as listed above, is £32,450

The meeting ended at 10:15pm