

Meeting: Finance & Asset Committee
Date: 12 November 2020
Time: 7.30pm
Venue: Zoom

Members: Mike Stevenson (Chairman); Mike Parry;
Martyn Redfern; James Carter;

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In attendance: Heather Heelis – Parish Clerk

Under Standing Order No. 1. c) Meetings will last no longer than 2 hours and 1. d) If the business of the meeting has not been concluded after 2 hours a resolution will be taken to continue the meeting for no longer than 30 minutes to conclude or defer the business in hand.

Minutes

1. **Apologies**
None.

2. **Declarations of Interest**
None.

3. **To approve minutes**
a) 15 October 2020 – Agreed.

4. **Grants/Donations**
a) CAB – £100 agreed now and make allocation in the 2021-2022 budget.
Revisit any remaining funds at the next meeting.

5. **Land Transfer**
To review and confirm the land for transfer from East Suffolk Council to Rendlesham Parish Council

- Noted that if additional land is taken on, another member of staff may be needed.
- Some of the infrastructure on the land will need replacing eg fencing
- Look at corporate branding fencing
- Would be looking at a commuted sum to come with the land
- Comments from Victoria Proctor on behalf of the climate emergency were noted
- ES Local Plan – promotes designation of green spaces in Neighbourhood Plan
- No play parks in Wackerfield Road area.
- Scope is there for the Parish Council to take over the play areas
- Turn some of the areas into wildlife habitats
- Whitmore Copse – an asset to protect and a wonderful wildlife area to develop.
Concerns about the smell of diesel in part of the woods. This needs investigating eg a borehole test.

Look at the land transfer as a 2-stage project:

1. ESC land
2. Suncourt land



Request maintenance funding from ESC but capital improvements should be the PCs responsibility.

It was noted that the full Council would need to approve the new land transfers.

Action: Mike Stevenson to look at all the remaining pieces of land.

Agreed to rearrange the walkabout when lockdown is over.

Action: Mike Stevenson to arrange.

6. Strategic aims for the next quarter

a) Review the land for transfer from East Suffolk Council to the Parish Council – **Agreed.**

b) Relaunch the Rendlesham Newsletter from December 2020 – **Agreed.**

c) Christmas event – Santa's Grand Tour – **Agreed.**

d) Christmas lights – The tree Christmas lights in the square are working. Test successful.

Action: Clerk to organise PAT testing and delivery of the Christmas tree.

Action: Saturday 28 November to set up the lights. Mike Stevenson to put out a call to help and co-ordinate with Mike Bone.

Action: Clerk to write to all shops and contact RCC re access to Room 1 and the garden.

Action: Electrical test – Clerk to arrange.

e) Any other strategic aims to consider
Youth Group proposal for additional funding– It was agreed that the F&A Committee were not in a position to agree the request in totality tonight. Discussion needs to take place with the Youth workers to agree the proposed changes. It was **Agreed** to look at the cost implications. It was further **Agreed** to support the growth in principal but a cost breakdown is needed.

Action: Clerk to look at costings when proposal is completed.

Needs some modelling but as a concept the Committee supported the proposal of enhanced provision. However, there was a need to better understand what the £1,000 is for and look to take forward this as a strategic plan for the next quarter.

Agreed more detail is needed and a business proposal.

Action: invite the youth group workers to the RYG Committee meeting.

Agreed to apply for £1,000 from Cllr Nicoll for the community bird feeding station in Mayhew Road pocket park

8. Next meeting: 21 January 2021

Meeting closed at 20:40

SIGNED



DATED

29/5/21