



Horsforth Town Council
Finance and General Purposes Committee Minutes
11 March 2021 at 7pm

Present:

In the Chair: Cllr J Garvani

Cllrs J Arbuckle, C Calvert, D Collins, SM Dowling, R Hardcastle, R Harris, R Jacques, R Jones, M Leech, D Prater

In attendance: J Sou – Clerk

FGP/20.34 – 20.40 **These minute numbers have been left blank intentionally.**

FGP/20.41 **To accept apologies and the reason for absence**
No absences.

FGP/20.42 **Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary and other Interests**
None declared.

FGP/20.43 **To consider questions and comments from members of the public at the Chairman’s discretion**
No members of the public present.

FGP/20.44 **Minutes of the previous meeting**
RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held on 14 January 2021.

FGP/20.45 **Accounts and List of Payments**
20.45.1. RESOLVED: To recommend that Council approves the accounts and list of payments to 4 March 2021.
20.45.2. RESOLVED: To approve the following payments:

- Wellers Law Group – £1,010.14 ratification of payment on account of search fees
- Vision ICT - £720 – website hosting and email accounts

FGP/20.46 **3&5 The Green**

- **Noted:** the lease is in the hands of the solicitors. Council’s solicitors have revised the original draft and returned to Leeds City Council’s solicitors.
- Searches are underway.
- Pre-application planning advice.

RESOLVED: To defer pre-application planning advice until more detailed plans are available.

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FGP/20.47 Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

Recommendations from the CIL Advisory Group were considered.

In addition to matters already considered by the CIL Advisory Group, the following points were noted:

- Seating and tables in parks maintained by Leeds City Council (LCC) Parks and Countryside – the cost for new seating and tables would include a commuted sum to cover 10 years maintenance whereas the cost for replacement seating and tables would be replacement cost only; maintenance would remain the responsibility of Leeds City Council Parks and Countryside
- New Seating on LCC Highways land – LCC Highways more likely to agree to Council having responsibility for maintenance, therefore the cost of new seating on Highways land should not include a commuted sum for maintenance
- Online consultations may exclude some residents
- Consultations should be framed to manage public expectations within the limits of the funds available and what would be achievable.

RESOLVED as follows:

- 1. To defer a decision on the allocation of £25,000 towards the improvement of facilities at Horsforth Hall Park and to improve or provide additional public seating in other open space areas in Horsforth until it could be identified what could be provided for that sum.**
- 2. To consult with residents via Horsforth Matters. CIL Advisory Group requested to draft an appropriate entry for Horsforth Matters.**

ACTION:

CIL Advisory Group to continue enquiries into costs.

CIL Advisory Group to draft entry for consultation in Horsforth Matters.

FGP/20.48 Website and Social Media

New website - detailed, final work remained to be completed before the new website was ready – the Assistant Clerk had not been able to complete this work due to other work pressures but was hoping to be able to set some time aside to do this. Website statistics for January and February – **noted**.

FGP/20.49 Matters for information

The legal authority to hold remote Council and Committee meetings expires on 6 May 2021 – NALC is seeking clarification and an extension to allow remote meetings to continue. Clerk to report fully to Council at its next meeting.

FGP/20.50 Items for future agenda

Standard agenda items.

FGP/20.51 Date of the next meeting

13 May 2021 – to be confirmed.

The meeting closed at 7.53pm.

Distribution: Cllrs J Arbuckle, C Calvert, D Collins, SM Dowling, J Garvani, R Hardcastle, R Harris, R Jacques, R Jones, M Leech, D Prater, R Shaw, T Stones

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