

RUSTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

MINUTES: of the Meeting held on 27 April 2009

PRESENT: Councillors G Tyler (Chairman), J Ceiriog-Hughes, J Collins, Mrs S Lines, D Rogers, P Warren and M Warrington

29/09 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Akbar (Personal). This apology was accepted by the Committee.

30/09 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS

Councillor Rogers declared a personal interest in Minute 32/09. He remained in the Meeting during the consideration of this item and took part in the vote thereon.

Councillor Ceiriog-Hughes declared a personal interest in Minute 33/09(c). He remained in the Meeting during the consideration of this item and took part in the discussion and vote thereon.

31/09 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 23 March 2009 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

(Prior to consideration of the following item, Councillor Rogers had expressed a personal interest as the President of the Littlehampton and District Lions Club)

32/09 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

The Committee RECOMMENDED that the Accounts be paid and the necessary cheques be drawn. A copy of these Accounts is attached and forms part of these Minutes.

33/09 GRANT AID

(a) Sofas & Stuff

The Committee considered an application for Grant Aid received from Sofas and Stuff for financial assistance towards supporting the essential services provided.

Following a detailed discussion, the Committee RECOMMENDED that Grant Aid in the sum of £150.00 be awarded to Sofas and Stuff towards supporting the essential services provided.

(b) Woodlands Table Tennis Club

The Committee considered a request for Grant Aid received from Woodlands Table Tennis Club. The Clerk also reminded the Committee that Grant Aid had been previously awarded to the Club, by way of a reduction of £7.00 per week in the hiring fees.

Following a discussion, the Committee RECOMMENDED that Grant Aid, by way of a reduction of £7.00 per week in the hiring fees, for a 12 month period with effect from 9 May 2009, once again be awarded to the Woodlands Table Tennis Club. The Committee also agreed that the situation should be reviewed at the end

of the current financial year, with the Table Tennis Club being asked to provide details of membership numbers and, in particular, how many members resided in Rustington.

(Prior to consideration of the following item, Councillor Ceiriog-Hughes had expressed a personal interest as a member of the School's Governing Body)

(c) Summerlea Community Primary School

The Committee considered an application received from the Summerlea Community Primary School for financial assistance, by way of placing an advertisement in the programme for the School's musical production of "We Will Rock You".

Following a detailed discussion, the Committee RECOMMENDED that a full page advertisement be placed in the programme for the School's musical production of "We Will Rock You" at a cost of £50.00.

(d) Mr O Martin & Ms S Fane

The Clerk referred to Minute 26/09 and reported that, unfortunately, both Mr Martin and Ms Fane had teaching commitments on Monday evenings and could not, therefore, attend the Meeting to address the Committee in respect of the establishment of a local training Wind Band. She said that Ms Fane had, however, provided further information for consideration by the Committee, should it not be able to meet with Mr Martin and herself at an alternative time.

Following a further discussion, the Committee RECOMMENDED that Grant Aid in the sum of £50.00 be awarded to Mr O Martin and Ms S Fane towards the cost of establishing a local training Wind Band.

34/09 ARUN DISTRICT COUNCIL - BUSINESS RATES DEFERRAL SCHEME 2009-10

The Committee NOTED a letter received from Arun Revenues and Benefits Services regarding the Government's recent announcement that it would be bringing in regulations to enable businesses to defer payment of up to 60% of the increase in their 2009/2010 business rate bills until 2010-2011 and 2011-2012.

Chairman:

Date: