

NEWTON-WITH-CLIFTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the council's Finance Committee Meeting held on Monday 5th August 2021 commencing at 7.40 p.m. in Newton-with-Clifton Village Hall and via Zoom.

Chair: Councillor G. Bevan.

Councillors: Mrs. J. C. Benson, P. Collins, A Metcalf, Mrs. J. McCormick.

Borough/County Councillor: None.

Police: None.

Members of the public: None.

Councillor Mrs. G. Bevan (chair) explained that the convened meeting was a face-to-face/in person meeting of the council's finance committee and also via Zoom, advised that comments or observations from members of the public are invited to be made in the open forum session prior to the meeting and that it would be appropriate to restrict these comments and observations to a three minute time limit. The chairman emphasised that questions or comments from the public area will not be permitted during the meeting. The venue had been set up to by a member of the Newton-with-Clifton Village Hall Management Committee complying with COVID-19 secure requirements.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor C. L. Bannister, Councillor S. Baugh, Councillor Mrs. B. Duckworth (chairman).

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Councillor Mrs. G. Bevan (chair) reminded members at the commencement of the meeting that any direct or indirect pecuniary, prejudicial or other interest should be declared in accordance with the requirements of Council's Standing Orders and the revised Code of Conduct adopted on 9th November 2012 in compliance with The Localism Act 2011. No declarations received.

3. FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS.

a) Approve invoices for payment.

List 1

Councillor Mrs. G. Bevan (chair) referred to this item and it was Proposed, Seconded and **RESOLVED** that the following invoices &c be paid.

T. A. Pawson T/A PDQ Garden Services	Weedkilling operations 8th June 2021, William Pickles Park, Clifton	£20.00 Vat <u>4.00</u>	£24.00
Paul Gregory T/a Acer Contracts	Flower & shrub beds and floral displays contract maintenance July 2021. Trim hedge, Newton Hall Park, School Lane Newton-with-Scales. Trim hedge, Clifton triangle Silver Street, Clifton. Non contract work, New Fylde Housing (Progress Housing Group), flower/ shrub bed area Stanagate/Preston Old Road, Clifton. Trim hedge, opposite Squirrels Chase, Lodge Lane, Clifton.	£991.25 £60.00 £40.00 £80.00 £40.00	
		Vat <u>£242.25</u>	<u>£1453.50</u> c/fwd... £1477.50

Finance contd....		b/fwd...£1477.50
*Excavate Ltd.	Footway fencing William Pickles Park, Clifton.	£6170.00
	Footway surfacing William Pickles Park, Clifton	£5542.00
		Vat £2342.40
	Less retention pending completion of related work.	(£5270.40) £8784.00 £8784.00
T. Pawson T/A PDQ Garden Services.	Grass cutting contract maintenance July 2021.	£1748.00 Vat £349.60 <u>£2097.60</u> <u>£12359.10</u>

* Members considered that sections of the fencing work were not to the standard anticipated and agreed that the contractor should be requested to arrange for a number of issues to be addressed relating to removal of fence rails that have been joined together with a plate fixing, and replace these rails with a standardised length between the fence posts. This was required as there is evidence that some of the fence rails in situ have already moved and one post has split adjacent to the entrance off Clifton Lane, Clifton. Also, the concrete edging does not extend to Clifton Green/Meadow Close, Clifton, however it was understood that this may relate to issues associated with existing tree roots and the contractor's reluctance for these to be adversely affected. It was agreed the observations of the contractor should be sought in this regard. Accordingly, members determined that a payment on account in the sum of £8784, representing 75% of the invoice value net of vat should be approved.

4. ANY OTHER MATTERS.

i) Date of Next Meeting.

Councillor Mrs. G. Bevan (chair) advised that the next meeting of the council is scheduled to be held on Thursday 2nd September 2021 commencing at 7.15 p.m. in Newton-with-Clifton Village Hall and via Zoom. There being no further business Councillor Mrs. G. Bevan (chair) declared the Meeting closed at 8.10 pm.

Chairman