

MILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting, Bettesworth Room, 19 October 2018

1. Present: Jeremy Parker, Nigel Cartwright, Helen Davies & The Clerk
2. Apologies: Simon Pudge, Matt Cusack
3. Minutes of Meeting October 2017 signed November 2017.
4. Recreation Ground: £7,000 – Maintenance £4500; Repairs/Renewals £1500
Administration £500; Contingency £500
£1,000 – Tree surgery
Projects agreed: £3244 – Project (proposed) to refresh Adventure play area c.£6,500
5. Clerk's payment: £11,778 – (inc SCP 27 to 32) - £29,055pa = 15hrs @ 52 weeks
£15.10phr & 226.50pw + Office & consumables £750 = £14.42pw
Expenses - £400pa - £7.69pw (Post,Photo,Stat,Ptrl)
Total Payment: £11,778 + Office £750 + Expenses £400 budget)
6. Clerk's Pension contribution: £7150 Dec 18 = $(\text{Final salary} \times \text{years of service} \times 0.037)?$
7. Environment & Amenity: £750 – General maintenance
£1000 – Tree surgery
£500 - Contingency
8. Donations: £150 - CAB £35; Samaritans £35; Air Ambulance £40 +
9. Subscriptions: £420 – SLCC £80; SALC £245; CPRE £36, AirS £50, GW£10
10. Insurance: £600 – no extra £ cover for Bonfire Group
11. Milland Stores: £5000 – (17/18 Public Works Loan DD May and November x 2)
12. Churchyards: £450 - (£150 x 3 sites Linch, Milland & Iping Marsh)
13. Review of Risk Assessment, Asset Register, Financial Regulations, Standing Orders

14. Funding requests: The PC wishes the main target of any financial support it gives to be towards the creation of long-term infrastructure, rather than funding administration or other running costs. The exception to this would be “seed corn” finance that was requested to enable a service to the wider community to be established.
15. Response to funding requests from local groups: TOTAL - £1,750
- a) Borden Village Hall - Request for a grant of £1300. SP wrote ‘Works on the Hall stalled during the year as we were not able to find anyone to sort out the gutters and undertake external redecoration. We haven’t had a quote yet but would expect the works to be c.£2-£3K ‘
The meeting agreed that it would like to see the accounts next year. Agreed £1,200
- b) Milland Gardening Club – Request for small grant of £100 to offset the increasing cost of speakers for their meetings. Because of the unseasonal weather conditions and retirement of some longstanding members the annual show resulted in a loss of nearly £200. Membership fees has been increased Agreed - £200
- c) Cartersland Wildflower Group / Paul Strike – ‘Despite difficult season mowing was undertaken to provide paths across the Green and around the perimeter of the area. Several wildflower species are beginning to increase naturally, a bench was installed by the National Trust. The focus of attention now is to improve the soil on the old bonfire site. To reduce coarse grasses on the Milland Road side more Yellow Rattle will be planted.’
The meeting discussed the community response to the wildflower trial which has been going for 10 years or so. It was agreed that the Council would discuss its future at the November meeting. Neighbours around Cartersland would be asked their thoughts. It was suggested that the wildflower area should be contained in a smaller area and the rest of the area mown. Agreed - £250 to include mowing
- d) Milland Cares – Request for £100 for admin expenses - Agreed - £100

Chairman:

Date:.....

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