

Hilton Parish Council
Meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held
on Tuesday 15th July 2014 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors (Committee members): S.Whyte (Chair) G Barradell & W.Wilson

In attendance: Jo Perez – Clerk.

1. **To receive any apologies for absence**
Cllr P.Balicki & Cllr J.Perez
2. **To receive any declarations of interest**
None.

Comments and observations from members of the public (NB *comments from the public should be relevant to items on this agenda only*)

3. **To approve minutes of previous Committee meeting on 15th April 2014**
Minutes were approved – prop Cllr S.W 2nd Cllr G.Barradell, W.W abstained as not present at the last meeting.
4. **Community Chest Fund – any update**
The Clerk advised that she had received a response advising that our bid had been unsuccessful due to the high response.
5. **To discuss and plan budget for Fireworks 2014**
After much discussion the F&G.P committee recommend that the budget for Fireworks this year remain the same at £1,700 despite there being a loss at the fireworks last year. The PC must address and come up with a plan going forward as this is a condition of the Town Trust in order for them to contribute £500 towards costs this year. Recommendation to the full PC is to keep the budget and admission prices the same as last year. G.B proposed, W.W 2nd, all in favour.
6. **To discuss quotation for Tree works to be carried out and discuss budget for work.**
The PC has received a quote to carry out work on the trees in the village. The total for all work is £3,660, this is more that the PC have budgeted for tree work, so Ian Stott has made a list of work needed as a priority, this will be discussed at a full parish council meeting. Tree work would be carried out after the Autumn so no decision needed immediately.
7. **To discuss one quotation received regarding clearing of Reeves Ditch.**
The PC has received a quote to carry out work on Reeves Ditch £1,120, The Ware £280.00 and the Thicket in Sparrow's Way £840.00. The Committee felt with advice from Ian Stott that The Ware was the most urgent to be tackled as it is very overgrown on the far bank, trees and shrubs are encroaching into the pond. The committee propose that work on the Ware be carried out. W.W proposed, G.B 2nd, all in favour. Other work will be discussed at a full PC meeting.

8. To discuss current financial position of the Parish Council

This item was discussed at the beginning of the meeting as it made sense to understand the PC current financial position before any decisions are made. S.W ran through our current financial situation.

9. Close of meeting

[Meeting closed 8.08pm