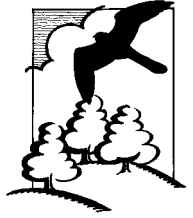


HAWKHURST PARISH COUNCIL

FACILITIES and SERVICES COMMITTEE



MINUTES 28th October 2019

Present: Cllr B Fitzpatrick, Cllr P Whittle, Cllr Hunt, Cllr Cory, Cllr Appelbe and Cllr Escombe (Ex-Officio)

1. ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC SPEAKING - None
2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr Jones ill
3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: *To receive notice of personal interests, whether of a prejudicial nature or otherwise, in respect of items on this agenda, in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct. - None*
4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – Proposed by Cllr Whittle, seconded by Cllr Cory and approved unanimously.
5. FAS ACTION PLAN – see attached update, FAS committee agreed
 - £1,195 quote for hard wiring check
 - Clerk to chase Orbit Housing regarding fencing and Japanese Knotweed
 - £927.45 for basket swing bracket plus basket swing replacement at Heartenoak
 - Allotment, need to proceed with compost work – note hedge has been cut
 - Cllr Whittle to forward updated risk assessments
 - Need to remove stone pillar in parking space at Cemetery

In addition, FAS Agreed the following

- PunkTaco – mobile Mexican catering to KGV on either a Wednesday or Thursday on same conditions as Posh Nosh
 - Purchase a new Union Jack for the Flag Pole
 - Offer Scope opportunity for clothes recycling at KGV
 - Ask KCC to replenish existing roadside boxes with sand rather than dump one tonne of sand in one location
 - To undertake research into the kerb edgings in the Cemetery - £500
 - That an anomaly in the Cemetery Fees should be corrected at Council when the Cemetery Rules and Regulations are considered.
- a) An Exclusive Rights of Burial fee currently has two fees £270 single and £330 double depth, this was based on the Council providing a grave digger, which is not the case now. Therefore, propose one fee of £300 for Exclusive Rights of Burial
 - b) Move to one administration (internment fee) rather than two different administration fees for burials and internment of ashes - £55

6. REVIEW of DRAFT BUDGET 2020/21 – the Clerk updated the Committee on the deliberations of SAP Committee last week and FAS supported the following:

- Amendments that bring the base budgeted income to £32,668 and the base budgeted expenditure of £184,634 making a base budget of £151,966. Note this is only £2,701 increase on 2019/20.
- Agreed that the Historic Hawkhurst proposal should be phased with £3,000 in 2020/21
- Agreed that a one off fee of £5,000 for the NDP proposal in 2020/21
- Agreed that the Open Space, Facilities and Street light sinking funds proposals should be reallocated within the General reserve.
- Agreed to drop the Website upgrade and focus on maintaining what we have (already included in base budget)
- That subject to the advice of the auditors that the Council should take the lead regarding the Planning Legal Fund to protect the village from inappropriate development in Hawkhurst
- That once we have the auditor's advice and the Tax Base from TWBC that Council should debate this in open session at the Council December 2019 meeting so we can set the budget in January 2020.

7. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS:

Cllr Hunt emphasised his disappointment with KCC for their change in views regarding a pedestrian crossing at the Rye Rd near Bowles Lodge. – this was supported by the FAS Committee

8. CLOSURE:

Richard Griffiths, Parish Clerk