

ARLESEY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **GENERAL PURPOSE/FINANCE COMMITTEE**, Arlesey Town Council, held on **Tuesday 20 January 2015** in the **Village Hall, High Street Arlesey**.

PRESENT:

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| Cllrs: Mrs H Frost (Chairman) | D Page |
| J Auburn | Mrs J Rencontre |
| Ms L Clapham | D West |
| P Heyes | A White |

Also present: Mrs L Rowe (Assistant Clerk), Cllr M Holloway and three members of the public

391 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr N Daniels and Cllr M Rainbow.

392 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

- a) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests - None
- b) Personal Interest – Agenda item 8 – Acre Wood Day Nursery – Cllr J Rencontre declared a personal interest as she used to work with the complainant.

393 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

394 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Prior to the meeting Members received a copy of the minutes of the General Purpose & Finance Committee meeting held on the 18 November 2014.

RESOLVED

that the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 18 November 2014 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a true record of proceedings

395 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

396 RESOURCE CENTRE

Members considered the charges in the Resource Centre some of which cannot be changed as they are set by Central Bedfordshire Council who supply the books. Members agreed to recommend to the Town Council that the fax charge is reduced to 50p per page and that the charge for internet usage is 1 hour free and then £1 for every 30 minutes.

RESOLVED

to recommend to the Town Council that the fax charge is reduced to 50p per page and the internet charge is free for the first hour and then £1 for every 30 minutes

397 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Cllr Auburn said that there were no displays of Christmas lights in the village and he proposed that the possibility of having some should be investigated. He proposed that a working party be set up to look at the costs and feasibility of having Christmas lights in the village in the future.

RESOLVED

to recommend to the Town Council that a working party be set up to look at the costs and feasibility of having Christmas lights in the village

398 ACRE WOOD DAY NURSERY

Prior to the meeting Members had received a copy of the complaint from Acre Wood Day Nursery. The Chairman invited Members to set up a panel to look into the complaint and report back to the Town Council.

RESOLVED

that Cllr West look at the complaint from Acre Wood Day Nursery and report back to the next Town Council meeting

399 WALDON TELECOM LTD

The Chairman reported that Unitary Cllr Dalgarno had informed Members of this proposal at the recent Town Council meeting.

RESOLVED

the Town Council had no objections to the proposal to upgrade the existing telecommunications installation located at Arlesey Town FC, Hitchin Road, Arlesey

400 STATION ROAD RAILWAY BRIDGE (8107), ARLESEY

Prior to the meeting Members had received a copy of the correspondence received from Central Bedfordshire Council regarding the existing traffic measures. A member was concerned as to whether the analysis of the load capacity of the bridge was accurate and that no damage would be sustained when the lights and barriers were removed.

RESOLVED

to write to Central Bedfordshire Council raising the Council's concerns on whether the analysis of the load capacity of the bridge was accurate and that no damage would be sustained when the lights and barriers were removed

401 ARLESEY POST OFFICE

Prior to the meeting Members had received a copy of the correspondence regarding the changes to Arlesey Post Office, 1 High Street, Arlesey. Members agreed that the longer opening times would be beneficial and proposed that notification of the consultation should be put on the Town Council's website.

RESOLVED

to put notification of the consultation regarding the changes to Arlesey Post Office, 1 High Street, Arlesey on the Town Council's website

402 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Prior to the meeting members received a schedule of the December/January accounts due for payment

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| | Staff month 10 – Town Centre | 156.42 |
| | Staff month 10 | 4,853.06 |
| | PAYE/NIC month 10 | 1,272.32 |
| | Superannuation month 10 | 731.39 |
| | Legal settlement payment | 3,250.00 |
| Cloudscape | Internet | 32.40 |
| Wildlife Trust | Contribution to management of Glebe Meadows | 615.82 |
| Right Fuel | Petrol for equipment | 7.19 |
| BT | Telephone TC | 228.10 |
| CBC | By-election costs | 103.66 |
| Ernest Doe | Various new & replacement tools | 43.14 |
| M Letowska | Financial Assistance – World Scout Jamboree | 50.00 |
| E Tracey | Financial Assistance – World Scout Jamboree | 50.00 |
| BT | Telephone RC | 116.86 |
| ADT | Annual maintenance RC intruder alarm | 344.34 |
| Herts CC | Stationery TC | 20.58 |
| Herts CC | Stationery RC | 9.54 |

DEPOSITS REPAID, PETTY CASH AND POSTAGE

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| Petty Cash | TC for postage | 53.00 |
| D Brazier | Return Deposit | 50.00 |
| M Hull | Return Deposit | 50.00 |
| K Bohr | Return Deposit | 50.00 |
| S King | Return Deposit | 50.00 |
| Mrs Sharma | Return Deposit | 100.00 |

RESOLVED

that these accounts be paid

CHAIRMAN

Date