MARSTON MORETEYNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting of Marston Moreteyne Parish Council held at Church End Lower School, Church Walk, Marston Moreteyne on Tuesday 7th March 2017, commencing 8.00pm.

Present: Parish Councillors: Peter Neale (Chairman), Mrs Janice Green, Robert Morris
Officer: Mrs Hazel Trustam – Parish Clerk

17/03/108 Apologies for absence
Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Carole Yates, Hugh Roberts & Terry Hyde. Reason given was noted.

17/03/109 Declarations of interest
No declarations were made.

17/03/110 Dispensation Requests
No requests had been submitted.

17/03/111 Public Participation
No matters were raised.

17/03/112 Minutes of meetings
It was resolved to approve as an accurate record of proceedings, the minutes of Marston Moreteyne Finance & General Purposes Committee held on Tuesday 7th February 2017.

17/03/113 Matters arising from the minutes
16/12/544 Village Diary. Members advised that no diaries had yet been received by those present at the meeting.
17/02/68 Play/Skate Park Areas: The overhanging brambles along the footpath adj Shelton Lower school have been trimmed back.
17/02/69 Village Christmas Decorations: Due to the absence of Cllr Hyde, it was uncertain to the response he received from A. Burgess in regard to the potential of siting a Christmas tree outside the shop area in Station Road. Views from the RBL still need to be sought re siting adj the war memorial. Andy Muskett has agreed to meet with the clerk in Spring to discuss electricity provision.
17/02/71.2 Play Area Management Training. The clerk advised that due to low numbers it was uncertain that the course would run.

Cllr Mrs Katie Nagel arrived at the meeting.

17/03/114 Grant application
A grant application was received from St. Mary's Church for funding towards the cost of electricity for the millennium lighting around the church. Costs sought were for the financial years 2016/17 and 17/18. It was agreed that costs for 2017/18 could not be paid until the new financial year.
It was resolved that the Parish Council in accordance with its powers under S137 & 139 of the Local Government Act 1972 should award a grant of £600.00 to St. Mary's Church towards the costs of the millennium lighting which, in the opinion of the council, is in the interests of the area or inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure.

17/03/115 Invoices for payment
A list of receipts and payments was circulated. **It was resolved** to approve the following invoices for payment

Copykatz	March diary printing	£ 192.00
3CD Group	March edition diary delivery	£ 403.20
Bedford Borough Council	Feb payroll	£ ** DD
FJ Beddoe	litter picking	£ 154.00
Marston Moreteyne Village Hall	Grant award	£ 2,700.00
Mrs H. Trustam	Phone/broadband reimbursement (Sept-Feb)	£ 335.78
St. Marys Church	Grant – electricity costs re millennium floodlights on St. Mary's Church	£ 600.00

*(** Note: Salary/expense payments are excluded from publication due to protection by the Data Protection Act).*

17/03/116 Risk Assessment

A copy of the document had been circulated with the agenda . The committee reviewed the Parish Council's Risk Assessment document and agreed amendments prior to submission to full council for consideration.
Cllr Morris agreed to review the content and layout of the risk assessment document in time for the next annual review.

17/03/117 Millennium Floodlighting

The clerk reported that one of the floodlights lighting the tower in the churchyard was damaged. Following investigation, Andy Muskett, has reported it as being beyond repair. The cost for replacing the light with a LED type was £175.00+VAT.
Following discussion, it was agreed that the clerk contact Andy Muskett to obtain a quote to install a separate meter for the floodlights, to replace the lights with LED type, and to ascertain what savings might be made by doing this.
As requested Andy Muskett had also quoted to convert the parish council owned street lights to LEDs. The conversion would include a lantern change and column rewire. The cost to undertake this would be £320.00+VAT per street light. The clerk advised that £1,460.00 was currently allocated in earmarked reserves and would not be sufficient to cover conversion of all the lights. It was agreed that to change the street lights to LED type would not be cost effective and recouping costs would take a considerable number of years.

17/03/118 Play/Skate Park Areas

Reports of inspections being carried out by CPM Playgrounds on 20th February were duly accepted. No additional repairs were required other than what is currently being actioned/investigated.

There being no further business to transact, the meeting was closed at 8.33pm.