

CHURCH CROOKHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Full Council Meeting

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Minutes of the Extraordinary Full Council Meeting of the Church Crookham Parish Council.

Date and Time: Monday 12th February 7.55pm

Place: Acorn Hall, Church Crookham Community Centre

Present:

Councillors: Gareth Saunders (GS); Nick Baskett (NB), Bruce Bulgin (BB), Peter Collings (PC), John Ford (JF), Annette Whibley (AW).

Also: Sally du Gay (Clerk)

HDC Cllr Chris Axa

There were 0 member(s) of the public present.

24/030	Apologies for absence Apologies had been received from Cllrs Moss, Jones & Thomas
24/031	Dispensations To receive any written requests for disclosable pecuniary interest dispensations from members None received
24/032	Declaration of interest relating to any item on the agenda. None received
24/033	Chairs announcements The Chair had no announcements.
24/034	Public session This is an opportunity for members of the public to bring matters relating to items on the agenda to the attention of the committee. No members of the public present to comment.
24/035	Grant Application To receive and consider approval of grant applications. An application was received from Life Education Wessex and Thames Valley on behalf of Fleet Infants school which sits within the Church Crookham parish boundary. The organisation will be delivering a health & well-being and drug prevention programme to the children on 23/2/24 and are seeking the final amount not covered by the school budget £155.

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	Currently £7,450 of £16,000 budget remaining. It was resolved to approve the grant of £155 to Life Education Wessex & Thames Valley on behalf of Fleet Infant School. Proposed BB, seconded JF, all in favour.
24/036	Peter Driver Drainage Works To receive and approve a quote and next steps to resolve drainage problem at Peter Driver Sports Ground Following legal advice, it was confirmed that a claim against the owners of Quantum Business Park (QBP) regarding the repair of the drainage issue did not enjoy reasonable prospects of success. The Clerk sought contractor recommendations to conduct specialist work to investigate and correct any connection defect and establish how QBP configured the outlet from its property through the underground culvert at Peter Driver. The contractor approached was recommended by Fisher German (a big civils contractor with a wealth of experience with this type of issue) who manage the Esso pipeline. Information regarding the issue was provided by the Clerk to the contractor. Further additional information was required from Colliers who manage the QBP site, and this was obtained in early January. A site meeting with Neil McGavin from T J Hunt was set up for the 16th of January to finalise details for obtaining a quote. The quote for the specific issue has been quoted ex. VAT at £24,937. As part of the budget discussions at January Full Council Cllr Saunders confirmed that the level of general reserves currently held fall within the requirements of the Treasury & Investment Policy and are sufficient to cover expenditure on resolving this issue. Should the investigations provide evidence of third-party shortcomings then the parish council may seek to recompense costs. It was resolved to set aside the Financial Regulations requirement to obtain three quotes and to proceed with the quote from T J Hunt £24,937 (ex VAT) on the basis that: a) T J Hunt is a renowned contractor used widely by Tier 1 contractors for civil engineering works. b) TJ Hunt is recommended by Fisher German who manage the ESSO pipeline and who will be required to be present on site during the dig due to the presence of the ESSO pipeline.

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	c) TJ Hunt has fully understood the brief and the issues involved and considered all the risks involved including a method statement to ensure that the water stored within QBP is managed safely to prevent risk of damage to assets. d) Engagement with this one contractor has taken considerable time due to the time taken to obtain the third-party information required. e) TJ Hunt has capacity to conduct the works in March. f) Office staff will be present on site at key times during the preliminary stages of the work to evidence the unearthed issue and likewise QBP will be offered to be present on site too. It was further resolved to approve remedial works at Peter Driver Sport Ground to repair manhole covers at various locations £462 and to approve the sending of a letter to Colliers (QBP owners) regarding the TJ Hunts works. Proposed GS, seconded BB all in favour.
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The meeting closed at 8.08pm

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