



EMERSONS GREEN
TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Finance Committee

25 June 2020

Held via Skype due to COVID-19 restrictions

Present: Councillors R Nichols (Chairman), S Budd, J Hunt, D Somers, P Todd, S Hill and Al Hassan

Attendees: Kath MacConnachie (Town Clerk)

104. **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors C Johnson, D Somers and S Budd.

105. **Declarations of interest under the Localism Act 2011**

There were no reported conflicts of interest.

106. **Minutes of 28 May 2020**

It was **Resolved** that the minutes of 28 May 2020 were an accurate record of the meeting.

The only matter outstanding from the agenda was the Elm Tree Farm grant application, which was on the agenda for this meeting.

107. **Payments**

The meeting considered the schedule of payments for June 2020 which was circulated in advance of the meeting.

Covid-19 Supplier Relief payments: These were noted for May 2020.

It was noted that Extreme Clean had resumed to pre-COVID-1 service levels during June and, as such, it was agreed that COVID-19 payments would cease and normal payment mechanisms would recommence with the payment of their June invoice.

It was **Resolved** that the payments be approved and authorised for payment by the Chairman and Clerk, as per the circulated schedule.

Action: Clerk

108. **Bank Statements & Bank Reconciliations**

Councillor Nichols undertook to the reconciliations and report back to the next meeting.

Action: Councillor Nichols

109. **Grants**

The Committee considered the grant application from Elm Tree Farm to the value of £1787.20, which had been deferred from the April 2020 meeting.

Councillors expressed concern as to the proportion of beneficiaries of the project from the Emersons Green Town Council ward area. It was considered that this would only be a proportion of the total, and as such they felt uncomfortable funding the project in its entirety. It was noted that the grant application stated that Elm Tree Farm had not sought grant funding from other sources.

It was **Resolved** unanimously to reject the grant application.

It was **Resolved** to contact Elm Tree Farm to suggest that the Committee would be willing to consider a revised grant application, should they wish to apply for a proportion of the project funding related to the benefit to residents of the Emersons Green ward area.

Action: Clerk

110. **Servicing of fire extinguishers at EGTC offices**

The Committee considered the quotations received for annual servicing of fire extinguishers at the Town Council offices. It was **Resolved** to accept the quotation from Fireshield.

Action: Clerk

111. **Items to report from members**

The Clerk noted that a grant application had been received from Carsons and Mangotsfield Cricket Club, which she had filed for the next Full Council meeting, rather than this meeting, in error. The Clerk confirmed that the grant application would be on the agenda for the next Full Council meeting on 9 July, and that the cricket club had been made aware of this. Councillor Nichols explained the detail of the grant application for those present.

112. **Date of next meeting:** Thursday 30 July 2020, 19.00, by Skype