

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF PLAISTOW AND IFOLD PARISH COUNCIL –
FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 2nd NOVEMBER 2009 AT 7.30pm
AT KELSEY HALL, IFOLD**

Present: Mr D. Lugton (In the Chair), Mr S. East, Mr J. Kirby and Mr T. Laidlaw

Comments and questions from the public

Representatives from Winterton Hall Management Committee, Kelsey Hall Management Committee, Plaistow Pre-School, Little Acorns Pre-School, the Community Minibus Association and Billingshurst Community Transport were in attendance

FI/007/09 Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence

FI/008/09 The Minutes of the Committee meeting of 11th June 2009 were approved; and signed by the Committee Chairman as being a true record

FI/009/09 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Laidlaw declared a Personal Interest in respect of matters relating to Kelsey Hall Management Committee, as he was the Parish Council representative to that Committee.

Councillor East declared a Personal Interest in respect of matters relating to Plaistow Pre-School as he represented a client who was a member of the Pre-School Management Committee

FI/010/09 Chairman's Report

The Chairman advised Members that the recent damage to the Play Area fence had been repaired. Members noted that this was not an insurable item and that the cost of repair was £633.26. Members expressed disappointment at the damage caused and the lack of reporting by members of the public to the Council.

FI/011/09 Budget Monitoring – to 30.9.2009

Members noted receipt of the Budget Monitoring information provided to 30.9.2009. Following brief discussion

IT WAS RESOLVED

To note the Report

FI/012/09 Representations by local Groups as to donations

Representatives from Winterton Hall Management Committee, Kelsey Hall Management Committee, Plaistow Pre-School, Little Acorns Pre-School, the Community Minibus Association and Billingshurst Community Transport each gave a brief presentation as to how the Parish Council's annual grant was used; together with information as to the finances of their organisations, fund-raising and other relevant matters.

Members noted written comments received from Petworth Cottage Nursing Home and the Friends of Chichester Hospitals.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting and commented that the process had been extremely useful.

IT WAS RESOLVED

To note the comments of the individual representatives

FI/013/09 Application for a Community Reserve Fund grant – Winterton Hall Management Committee

Members noted receipt of the Clerk's Report giving details of the application for a grant for the cost of a new external notice board to advertise events being held at the Hall.

Following discussion

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

- (a) That the Parish Council purchase and subsequently maintain an external notice board in the sum of £516.16, including VAT**
- (b) That this item be funded from the Community Reserve Fund**

FI/014/09 Budget 2010/2011 – first draft

Members noted receipt of the first draft Budget 2010/2011 information and discussed the potential impact on the Budget following the comments of the individuals representing the various Village organisations.

The Chairman commented that four potential Capital Projects had been put forward –

- (a) the purchase of a Village Minibus. Members considered that this could be potentially difficult and considered that there were other means of local transport available
- (b) the joining together with neighbouring Parishes to arrange a contract for minor Highways works. Members were not in favour of this.
- (c) the purchase of land for the holding of events; and possibly a Play Area, in Ifold. Members considered that this idea could be pursued
- (d) the purchase of land behind Coxes Pond for the provision of a car park in the centre of Plaistow. Members considered that this idea could be pursued.

Following further discussion

IT WAS RESOLVED

That (c) and (d) above be pursued

FI/015/09 Matters raised by Members for the next meeting

There were no matters raised

FI/016/09 Date of next meeting

Tuesday 8th December 2009 at 7.30pm at Kelsey Hall, Ifold

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.40pm