

BIDDENDEN PARISH COUNCIL

APPROVED Minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on Tuesday 27 March 2012 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall, Biddenden

Present: Cllr H Ruse (Chair)
Cllr D Boulding
Cllr Mrs E Cansdale
Cllr J Tydeman

Also present: Mrs A Swannick (Clerk)

1 parishioner attended

1. Chairman's opening remarks

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Harris due to work commitments and Cllr Lupton due to personal commitments.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 6 December 2011

There being no comments on the minutes of 6 December 2011 they were deemed to be a true and proper record of the meeting. Proposed by: Cllr Cansdale
Seconded by: Cllr Boulding.

4. Matters arising from the minutes

The Chairman asked if any further quotations had been received regarding the fencing quotations for the squash club embankment. The Clerk confirmed that she was still awaiting some quotations.

5. To consider the Post Office Lease renewal

The Chairman proposed that the meeting should be closed at this point due to the commercially sensitive nature of the discussion. He read out point 1c from the Council's Standing Orders. Proposed by: Cllr H Ruse Seconded by: Cllr J Tydeman. **Unanimous**

The meeting was closed and members of the public asked to leave the meeting.

Discussions took place regarding the post office lease renewal and whether to extend the current lease or renew it completely.

IT WAS RESOLVED to recommend to the full Parish Council that the District Valuer should prepare a valuation and asked the Clerk to provisionally book the earliest appointment after the next full council meeting.

IT WAS RESOLVED to ask the Clerk to obtain a fee estimate from solicitors to draw up an extension to the existing lease and to draw up a new 5 year lease.

IT WAS RESOLVED to seek guidance from KALC and the internal auditor on renting out at a below market rental for the provision of a social facility such as a village post office.

The Committee agreed to meet again to consider the information in order to report back to the full Parish Council in May.

6. Items for future consideration

There were no items for future consideration.

7. Close of meeting

The meeting closed at 20:20

Alison Swannick
Parish Clerk

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