

Scented Garden Project, £1000.00. The first of 3 annual payments from 106 monies received.

c. Councillors approved the following expenditure for the forthcoming financial year (April 2010 – March 2011)

i. Maintenance contracts of Public Open Space to:-

Deans - £7500

Martin Whittaker £1500

Mike Harland £425

Andrew Hill £390

ii. Salaries £4500

iii. Chairman's Allowance £50

iv. Society memberships as agreed at the Annual General Meeting 12th May 2010

v. Meeting Room Rent £200

vi. Insurance £1800

vii. Audit £350

viii. Boiler maintenance £300

ix. Fire Equipment maintenance £200

x. Water rates £60

d. Annual Accounts. The accounts were presented and agreed and signed by Councillors. The Internal Auditor has provided a written report and concluded that the accounts show a true and fair record. All recommendations from the previous audit had been carried out and no other weaknesses had been picked up this year. The audit commission annual declaration was agreed and signed.

6. Planning Applications

10/00633FUL 4 High Garth, Earswick was dealt with by the clerk using delegated powers, there was no objection.

7. Risk Assessment Policy

Councillors agreed that all recommendations had been implemented and approved the Policy.

8. Play areas and equipment.

It was agreed that the benches in the play area and near the Lock House Lane car park needed sanding and oiling, and a budget of £100 was authorised.

It was also agreed to obtain quotes to varnish the sports equipment.

Action SM

Councillors would also like to implement time scales for work to be completed when a contractor is authorised to do the work.

Councillors heard that youths were not using the football pitch because it was uneven and were playing in the play area instead. Councillors approved a maximum of £300 + VAT to be spent on rolling the football pitch and painting white lines for this financial year. It was also decided to purchase signs for the play area to say 'No Ball Games' and £60 was authorised.

Action DJ

Councillors decided to carry forward the idea of lighting the play area until they had a quote for City of York Council.

Action SM

9. Tennis Courts.

Councillors decided to clean the tennis courts with a power washer on Sunday 30th May at 10.a.m. They decided to obtain quotes to paint the metal post around the fence.

Action SM

No decision was made regarding the use and rules of the courts this item is to be carried over to the next meeting.

10. Fence between Northlands and Strensall Road.

Councillors agreed that the fence needed repairing and approved £40 +VAT to A Hill to repair the fence. **Action SM**

11. Maintenance of the Flower Meadow and River Access Land.

Councillors decided to have the area sprayed to kill nettles and thistles and approved £300 +VAT to John Rycroft to complete the work.

12. Litter Bins and Broken Sign.

The clerk had received a request from a member of the public to have a sign repaired and a new litter bin purchased by the Lock House Bridge. Councillors noted that the sign was in the Nature Reserve which was not their land and that City of York Council would not empty a bin by the bridge.

13. Loop System in the Village Hall

Councillors decided to apply for a Ward Grant in August to purchase a Loop System for the Village Hall.

14. River Access Land Dispute.

A letter has been sent to Vincent Lavery's, solicitors from John Walker a solicitor at Guest Walker and Co in the Shambles, York. He has taken on the work instead of John Paice.

15. Items for the next agenda/information/newsletter

Newsletter to be produced and sent out in June

Action ML

Next Agenda

Painting tennis courts fence, lighting at playground, Tennis membership rules, Grant application for loop system, varnishing sports equipment.

The meeting closed at 9.05 p.m..

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Sarah Millson
Parish Clerk