

**ITCHEN VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**(Serving the villages of Avington, Easton, Itchen Abbas & Martyr Worthy)**  
**Minutes of the Meeting**  
**Finance & General Purposes Committee**  
**March 20<sup>th</sup> 2014**

Attending: Cllr Flemons Cllr Kennedy- Chairman Cllr Robinson Cllr Moffatt  
 Cllr Riley Cllr Phillips

**1.1 Apologies – None.**

**1.2 Accounts to be paid as listed – None.**

**1.3 Confirmation of earmarked reserves/amounts to be vired.**

Cllr Kennedy prepared the accounts file copy held with these minutes. We should have one additional interest payment before year end, and should receive £684 from Open Spaces funding for which we have had a remittance advice, both of which are included in the forecast.

We are still due a payment from the McPherson Trust for the rocker which may or may not arrive next week, and is excluded from the forecast.

Subject to anything else coming up between now and year end we should carry forward £25,999 into next year, of which £1,000 is earmarked for bus shelters, £2,359 for play equipment, £8,043 is unspent lengthsman grant (including that belonging to associate councils), leaving £8,566 in strategic reserve and £6,031 in general reserve.

The viring of funds to the overspent website budget, approved by full council at its earlier meeting, was confirmed at £375.

**1.4 Old School Field – Update**

The signed licence is not yet with the Clerk; she is however, asking Came & Co our brokers whether, if we set up a McPherson Field sub-committee and co-opt on the two trustees not already councillors, they would be covered on the council's existing insurance policy negating the need for additional insurance.

Councillor Riley to recommend this proposal to her fellow trustees.

**1.5 Grounds Maintenance Contract 2014.**

The contract is awarded to Greensmile Ltd at a reduced cost of £1,671.75 per annum to begin on April 1<sup>st</sup> 2014. They have come well recommended by other councils and have tendered a competitive quote.

Contract is for one year but if satisfactorily performed may be renewed for a longer period.

**1.6 Open Spaces – Play Equipment orders.**

Agreed not to order the Gravity Bowl for the Old School Field until the trustees' contribution to the rocker is received – once this has been received the Clerk was authorised to issue the required purchase requisition.

The zip wire for Couch Green has not been order as the Section 106 funds from the Rectory Lane development site which are to pay for the equipment will not be received until the houses are occupied which could be years away. Cllr Riley will bring forward proposals for other equipment to be supplied at Couch Green in due course using the amounts carried forward.

Agreed that the Clerk should write to Mr Dunbar-Dempsey at WCC asking that the money from the Rectory Lane site remains Section 106 – ie directly available to the council - and does not go into the Community Infrastructure Levy if it does take over a year to arrive.

**1.7 Any other financial matters agreed by the Chairman.**

Cllr Kennedy will be on holiday at the next full council so the final end of year accounts will not be ready for that meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7:51pm