

**MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
OF BERSTED PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT 19:00 ON TUESDAY 27th JUNE 2017
AT BERSTED JUBILEE HALL, CHALCRAFT LANE**

Present: Cllrs. D. Lainchbury (Chairman), B. Knight, T. Marshall, D. Meagher (Vice Chairman), P. Ralph and J. Spencer.

In attendance: Mrs D. Holcombe (RFO/Clerk) and Mrs S. O'Connell (Assistant Clerk)

17073 Apologies for Absence

None

17074 Declarations of Interests

Members were reminded that should interests arise during the meeting they should be declared at that time.

17075 Minutes of the Meeting of the 23rd May 2017

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the 23rd May 2017, having been circulated in advance, be taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a true record

17076 Matters Arising from the Minutes

Minute – 17041 ii) – Cllr Lainchbury asked when the carpark fencing was being replaced. The Clerk informed him it had already been done.

**17077 S142 Grants
2017 remaining Budget of £500**

Members discussed the applications and agreed that £100 was granted to Arun & Chichester CAB.

	Requested	Granted
Arun & Chichester CAB	£100	£100

RESOLVED that the Council, in accordance with its powers under Section 22 and 23 of the Transport Act 1985, should incur the following expenditure which in the opinion of the Council, is in the interests of the area and its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with expenditure. The remaining budget of £400 will be put back in the reserves.

ACTION the Assistant Clerk to inform the applicant after the Council Meeting on 11 July 2017.



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S137 Grants

2017 remaining budget of £1400

Members discussed the applications and agreed the following:

	Requested	Granted
Kent Surrey & Sussex Air Ambulance Trust	£250	£250
Victim Support	£100	£100
39 Club	£1465	£250
Bognor Regis Air Cadets (Squadron 2351)	£540	£250
The Base Skate Park	£431.96	£250

RESOLVED that the Council, in accordance with its powers under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, should incur the above expenditure, which in the opinion of the Council, is in the interests of the area and its inhabitants and will benefit them in the manner commensurate with expenditure. The remaining budget of £300 will be put back in the reserves.

ACTION the Assistant Clerk to inform the applicants after the Council Meeting on 11 July 2017.

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Bersted Jubilee Hall Expenditure 2017 -18

- i) The Clerk had previously circulated the income and expenditure report for Bersted Jubilee Hall and informed members that spending was where it should be for this time of year.
- ii) Members considered the costs of the proposed new signage for the field (info for ownership of equipment), carpark (carpark no overnight parking), gate (replace broken emergency sign) and building (smile you're on CCTV) at a cost of £304.80 for 6 signs. Members agreed to the cost of £304.80 for 6 signs. **RESOLVED** to approve the signage for the field, carpark, gate and building at a cost of £304.80.

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Reserves 2017 -18 and Investment Strategy

Reserves

The Clerk had previously circulated a report on the reserves. Members considered the report. Members agreed no changes were needed to the current situation of the reserves.

RESOLVED to agree that no changes were needed to the current situation of the reserves.

Investment Strategy 2017-2018

Members also considered the Investment Strategy and agreed to recommend to council as shown in the report from the Clerk.

RESOLVED to recommend to council the Investment Strategy as shown in the report from the Clerk.



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Correspondence

The Clerk informed members that the Co-op Bank would now guarantee protection of funds up to £85K.

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Urgent Matters

Cllr Knight asked the Clerk and Assistant Clerk to leave the room while members discussed personnel matters.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 20:00

SignedChairman of the Committee

Subject to Ratification



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