



WETHERBY TOWN COUNCIL

REPORT TO COUNCIL

To: Town Council

From: Iona Taylor, Town Clerk

Date: 15/10/19

Subject: Report from Budgets Committee Meeting held on 8/10/19

Background

The Budgets Committee is made up of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors Lamb and Harrington.

The Committee meets once a month (usually immediately before a Full Council meeting) and considers items relating to finance issues and the statutory governance of the Council, including the setting of the annual budget.

Notes from Meeting

- The meeting was attended by all committee members (Councillor O'Byrne from 6pm).
- Members of the committee examined the supporting information and approved the payments to be made in accordance with the schedule dated between 12th September and 9th October 2019.
- The death of former Mayor and Councillor Gerald Wilkinson was noted. It was agreed that flowers should be sent to his widow, accompanying the letter from the Mayor.
- It was noted that an election has not been requested to fill the vacancy caused by Nish Kanabar's resignation. The Council is therefore free to co-opt a new member.
- The timing and method of advertising the two vacancies was discussed, with advice from Leeds City Council being received.
- The Clerk updated the committee on the purchase of a new lawnmower for the cemetery and the disposal of the old machine.
- The new SCAG mower was purchased from Russells (Kirbymoorside) Ltd at a cost of £7,950+VAT. Property Committee members were kept informed on progress with the purchase of the new mower, which was slightly more than had been agreed at the last Property Meeting. County Mowers, the cheapest option, had been unable to provide a demonstration model prior to purchase.
- Harland Garden Machinery Ltd have sent an invoice for £337.50 for the collection of the old mower and works / parts to diagnose the problem with it. They were asked to provide an estimate for the cost of repair works but did not receive authority for these works, only for the collection element.
- The collection and inspection element of the invoice from Harlands came to £45+VAT. Russells had offered to pay the Town Council £50+VAT for the old machine.
- It was agreed that Harland Garden Machinery Ltd should be allowed to keep the old mower in payment of their invoice. They will be asked to confirm that this is acceptable in writing.