

8. To consider current requests for payment - The Councillors considered the two requests for payment received: i) for £143.82 - subscription from Suffolk Association of Local Councils and ii) for £54 - venue hire from St Catherine's Church Parochial Church Council. Councillor Belinda Bulsing proposed and Councillor Esther Thornton seconded to approve the payments. It was carried unanimously.

8a. To consider whether to make a charitable donation and agree the beneficiary/beneficiaries - The Councillors discussed in detail various charities that have contributed to parishioners' wellbeing or provided practical help and may do so in the future. The Councillors considered that further information was required and Councillor Belinda Bulsing agreed to contact the Citizens Advice Bureau for statistical information. The Councillors agreed to defer this item to the next meeting of the Parish Council to allow for all Councillors' input.

9. To consider and agree Section 1 Annual Governance Statement 2021-2022 - The Councillors considered the Statement. Councillor Esther Thornton proposed to approve the Statement and Councillor Margaret Marlow (Chair) seconded it. The Annual Governance Statement was approved and duly signed by the Chair and Parish Clerk.

10. To consider and agree Section 2 Annual Governance Statement 2021-2022 - The Councillors considered the Accounting Statements in the Annual Governance Statement. Councillor Margaret Marlow (Chair) proposed to approve the Statement and Councillor Esther Thornton seconded it. The Annual Governance Statement was approved and duly signed by the Chair.

11. To consider and agree expenditure on Parish Councillor laptop and to consider and agree expenditure on a new Parish Council hard drive - The Councillors agreed to defer this item to the next meeting as the purchase of a laptop and hard drive would involve a significant expenditure and requires further consideration.

12. To consider and agree expenditure on Parish Councillor training in order to place documents on the Parish Council Website - Councillor Belinda Bulsing reported that the cost of training for three persons would be £60 (or £70 including venue hire). The Councillors agreed that it would be really useful to attend such a training course and Councillor Belinda Bulsing agreed to liaise with the trainer and identify suitable dates for the training.

13. To discuss updating Parish Council Website - The Councillors considered that the Council's website would benefit from a 'refresh'. It was agreed that further research would be carried out, reviewing other sites such as the village, history society and parochial church council websites to identify current best practice.

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