A MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE was held on MONDAY, 12TH DECEMBER 2016 in the METHODIST CHUCH HALL at 7.00 pm.

PRESENT: COUNCILLOR BRIAN BELL Chair

COUNCILLOR BECCI BLUES COUNCILLOR MEGAN TAYLOR COUNCILLOR ROBERT WEST COUNCILLOR PETER WHITFIELD

Mrs P Diane Greenwell Clerk

1. APOLOGIES

None

2. APPPLICATIONS FOR GRANT AID

Applications for grant aid from the Parish Council have been received from the following village organisations:

Copmanthorpe Good Companions request the sum of £500 to allow them to continue to provide outings and occasional meals for their members. It was AGREED that a grant of £500 be RECOMMENDED to the full Parish Council.

Copmanthorpe Cricket Club requests the sum of £1,000 towards the cost (£3,550 plus VAT to NWCF members) of an 8 metre domed mobile cricket cover. The Club will also seek a grant from the ECB if it operates a small grant scheme this year. It was AGREED that a grant of £1,000 be RECOMMENDED to the full Parish Council.

Copmanthorpe Bowling Club requests the sum of £924 to purchase a replacement for the irrigation header water tank. The metal outer supporting skin of the existing tank has rotted resulting in sharp edges which have punctured the inner lining, causing it to be burst. It cannot be repaired. Members will provide the necessary labour. It was AGREED that a grant of **£924** be RECOMMENDED to the full Parish Council.

The Copmanthorpe branch of the Yorkshire Countrywomen requests a grant of £350 towards the cost of rental of premises, the cost of speakers and social outings for members. It was AGREED that a grant of £350 be RECOMMENDED to the full Parish Council.

Copmanthorpe Horticultural Show requests the sum of £350 towards the costs of running the annual Horticultural Show. These are principally the hire of the hall, prize money and stationery. It was AGREED that a grant of £500 be RECOMMENDED to the full Parish Council.

Copmanthorpe Community Choir requests the sum of £600 towards the hire of St Giles Church for rehearsals, the purchase of sheet music and other miscellaneous expenses. They estimate that these costs are £1,775 per year. It was AGREED that a grant of £600 be RECOMMENDED to the full Parish Council.

Copmanthorpe Art Group requests the sum of £350 towards the costs of visiting professional artists once or twice a year, and continuing support for a young artist whose term fees are waived. The Club would like to continue this sponsorship in future years. It was AGREED that a grant of £350 be RECOMMENDED to the full Parish Council.

The Friends of Copmanthorpe Library request the sum of £388.88 to replace a worn children's mat, and to purchase 5 story bags and 2 small folding tables. It was AGREED that a grant of £400 be RECOMMENDED to the full Parish Council.

Panda Playgroup requests the sum of £2,500 towards the total annual cost of sessions of £7,500. The balance is met by fundraising activities. The Clerk is to ask for sight of the group's accounts before proper consideration can be given to this application.

Copmanthorpe Youth Club requests the sum of £2,500 to pay one person for a year to act as caretaker and bookings secretary/cleaner, to manage the Howell Hall on an everyday basis. It was AGREED that a grant of £2,500 be RECOMMENDED to the full Parish Council.

Copmanthorpe WI requests the sum of £2,000 towards the provision of a sound system for the new WI once the building is complete. After some discussion members were minded to RECOMMEND a grant of £350 to the full Parish Council.

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