



Goostrey Parish Council

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES of the MEETING on MONDAY 29th MARCH 2021, at 7.30pm via VIDEO CONFERENCE

Present: Cllrs Morgan (PM)(Chairman), Sulej (JS)(Vice-Chairman), Morris (KM), O'Donoghue (IO'D) and Rathbone (TR)

In Attendance: S Jones, Clerk to the Council

1. **Declaration of Interests** - There were no declarations made.
2. **Apologies for absence** – Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Lord.
3. **Insurance** – To consider the issues raised at the Parish Council Meeting on 23rd March in relation to the Village Hall & Parish Council Insurances.

- i. Buildings Insurance - To review the buildings insurance cover for the Village Hall.

Following the Parish Council on 23rd March 2021, the Clerk and Chairman have been able to establish that the whole of the building including the Infant School and the Joint Use Areas (of which the Village Hall is a part) are insured under the School's Buildings insurance.

Action: The Finance Committee is delegating the task of clarifying the details of the cover and making a claim to the Village Hall Management Committee.

- ii. Updated Renewal Quotation for the Parish Council's Contents and Liability Insurance.

Resolved: *The Finance Committee resolved to accept the renewal quotation for the year between 1st April 2021 and 31st March 2022, from Came & Company at a cost of £681.34.*

Action: Clerk to investigate adding Cyber Attack and Data Protection insurance to this policy and to report back to the Finance Committee.

4. Minor Items and Items for the Next Agenda

- i. E-Mail from resident regarding claim against the Parish Council's business interruption insurance as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic

A resident sent a mail asking if the Parish Council could claim for the loss of earnings of the Village Hall due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

The Committee considered that following the High Court Judgement, insurance companies are required to consider claims from customers with business interruption insurance for the period of the first Lockdown in 2020 (approximately 3 months). This matter had been considered in November 2020 and was not actioned because the Parish Council had received grant funding for the period in question and it would be difficult to prove that a loss of income had occurred. Together with the amount of time that it would take to compile the data to make the claim, and any increase in insurance premium as a result of the claim the Committee did not feel it was

viable to pursue the claim. In reality the likelihood of any monies being paid out as part of a claim may be very small.

- ii. The Clerk raised an issue relating to mails sent from the Parish Council email address, Parishcouncil@Goostrey.info being put into the recipient's spam/junk mail folders and having to chase up responses to mails on a regular basis. The Clerk suggested that the Parish Council consider applying for a .GOV.UK domain name, which could be applied to the email and the web site or sourcing a generic email account e.g., Gmail.

Action: Clerk to obtain costings for a .GOV.UK domain name and to add the item to the agenda of the next Parish Council meeting.

5. Next meeting – 6th April 2021

- 6. Close meeting -** The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm