

Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance, General Purposes & Administration Committee held on Monday 9 May 2016 at The Council Offices, Post Office Road at 7.15pm.

Present: Cllr S Payne, Cllr K Hathaway, Cllr B Anderson, Cllr C Davey, Cllr K Green, Cllr J Houston.

In attendance: Sarah Bristow (Clerk)

101 Apologies for absence

None Received.

102 Declarations of interest

No declarations received.

103 Minutes of meeting held on 4 April 2016

It was resolved for the minutes to be signed by the Chair as a true record

104 Matters Arising

British Telecom

The Clerk advised that she had agreed to the two-year deal with BT and because of the increase of £1.00 per month she had negotiated a £24.00 discount. The Clerk said she had emailed the lady at BT who she was dealing with as they had cancelled the broadband at the time when staff were working on Village Voice and needed access to emails. BT had reinstated but said that the new account had not been set up. The Clerk was still waiting to hear from them.

105 Current Financial Position

a) Whole Council Budgets

The Clerk handed round a copy of the end of the year budget statement. Everything in order. The Clerk advised that this included the Opus bill of Streetlight Energy. Cllr Anderson said that the balance of the streetlight energy budget will be transferred to the new year and more LED replacements achieved. Cllr Davey thought that money should be put in the precept or from reserves for the following year as changing streetlights would give more savings than investments at this present time.

b) Aged Debtors

The Clerk advised that there were currently no aged debtors.

c) Reserves

The Clerk advised that the Reserves list would be available for the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

106 Investments

National Saving Bank – Instant access – rate .75% - Interest put on in December - £49,617.78. The Clerk advised that a letter had been received to say that interests rate from April would be .45%.

107 Grant Application Policy

The Clerk handed round a draft. **It was resolved for the Clerk to amend to take into account Safeguarding children & adults and re-circulate.**

108 Recreation Ground User Policy

Cllr Hathaway handed round a draft policy that she had produced, and asked for comments. Cllr Houston advised that the area is designated as a Village Green and for the use of Parishioners of Dersingham. Cllr Payne advised that even if listed as a Village Green it still has to be managed. Cllr Green said that he felt that it was inappropriate to have to fill in a hire agreement to use the War Memorial for Remembrance services. Cllr Payne responded that it was necessary for insurance etc to have a record of what was taking place and polite to ask. Cllr Green felt that was not acceptable. **It was resolved for the Clerk to clarify the situation regarding Village Greens.**

109 Correspondence Received

Letter from BT regarding the two-year deal
Letter and brochure from Utility Warehouse regarding Mobile Phone
Email from CCLA re investments.

110 Items for inclusion at the next meeting

Same Agenda

111 Date and time of next meeting

Monday 6 June 2016 at 7.15pm at the Parish Office.

With no further business the meeting closed at 7.55pm.