



Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council

Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting

held on Monday 8th January 2018 @ 7:00 pm

at The Parish Council Office, 27 Victoria Road, Mortimer. RG7 3SH

Present:

Councillors: Cllr. P. Wingfield (Chairman), Cllr. J. Bull, Cllr. M. Dennett, Cllr. D. Ives, Cllr. N. Kiley, Cllr. T. Reade; Cllr. A. Richardson.

Clerk: Haydn Selwyn-Jones – Parish Clerk

Public/Press: 1 Councillor present as a member of the public and no members of the press present.

Part I		
18/01	Public Questions Cllr N. Carter raised the question of whether there was going to be a rise in Precept and was advised that this was under consideration to be discussed.	
18/02	To receive any apologies for absence None	
18/03	To receive any declarations of interest and dispensations A general dispensation was granted to enable Councillors to discuss the setting of the Precept.	
18/04	To receive and approve the November 2017 Financial Accounts for presentation to Full Council on 11th January 2018 After short discussion, proposed by Cllr. P. Wingfield, seconded by Cllr. M. Dennett, the November 2017 Financial Accounts were APPROVED for presentation to the Full Council on Thursday 11 th January 2018.	
18/05	To receive and discuss draft budget for 2018-2019 for presentation for discussion at Full Council on 11th January 2018. The revised draft budget, as agreed at the last committee meeting was received and discussed. Various adjustments were made resulting in a budget deficit of £5,000 and it was proposed that this could be met by an increase in precept of £5,000. It was AGREED that this be presented to Full Council on 11 th January 2018, supported by a Budget Commentary Paper written by Cllr. P. Wingfield, for consideration and decision.	
18/06	To receive an update on employment of an Assistant to the Clerk. The Clerk advised that the agreed advertisement for the post had been posted on the Parish Notice Boards and website.	

18/07	<p>Matters arising for information only.</p> <p>The engagement details for our Internal Auditor were raised and these need to be provided.</p> <p>The VAT for the Fairground Electrics was raised in view of the received grants and the Clerk advised that this was being dealt with.</p>	
18/08	<p>Matters for communication</p> <p>None</p>	

The meeting closed at 8:10 pm.