



Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council

Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Meeting held on Thursday 6th December 2018 @ 7:45 pm at the Parish Council Office, 27 Victoria Road, Mortimer. RG7 3SH

Present:

Councillors:

Cllr. T. Reade (Chairman), Cllr. J. Bull, Cllr. N. Carter, Cllr. M. Dennett, Cllr. N. Kiley, Cllr. D. Kilshaw, Cllr. C. Lewis, Cllr. A. Richardson

Clerk:

Mrs. L. Hannawin

Public/Press:

There were no members of the public and no members of the press present.

Part I

18/148 Public Questions

None

18/149 To receive any apologies for absence

Cllr. P. Wingfield

18/150 To receive any declarations of interest

A dispensation was granted to all Councillors for the purpose of enabling the business to be discussed at 18/156 and subsequent relevant meetings.

18/151 Minutes of Last Meeting

To resolve to APPROVE the Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting on 1st November 2018.

The minutes were **APPROVED** for signature as a true record of the meeting.
The Clerk is to establish the correct procedure for approving all minutes.

ACTION: CLERK

18/152 West Berkshire Budget Proposals and Local Plan Consultation

To RESOLVE that the Clerk be delegated to receive comments on and respond to:

- 1. the West Berkshire Budget Proposals for 2019/20**
- 2. the West Berkshire Local Plan 2036 Consultation**

The Clerk has forwarded details of the consultations to councillors requesting comments for a response. Councillors are also attending a meeting on Monday 10th December with regards to the Local Plan 2036.

Proposed by Cllr. N. Kiley, seconded by Cllr. J. Bull, it was **AGREED** that the Clerk be delegated to receive comments and respond to the consultations, unanimously. This will be reported to Full Council on the 10th January 2019.

18/153 Matters Arising for Information only

Cllr. J. Bull reported that quotes are being sought for the 3 year Grounds Maintenance Contract. These will need to be reviewed at either the next Roads, Footpaths and Commons Committee or Finance and General Purposes.

18/154 Future Agenda Items

None

18/155 Exclusion of Press and Public

Proposed by Cllr. T. Reade, seconded by Cllr. N. Kiley, it was **AGREED** unanimously to exclude members of the public and press from the meeting at Part II, items 18/156 and 18/157 on the Agenda, due to the confidential nature of the information being discussed.

Part II

18/156 Budget 2019/20

To receive and consider the proposed approach to the 2019-20 budget, and review the detailed first draft.

The draft budget papers were reviewed and discussed, and relevant points highlighted. Further to identified amendments being made, it was **AGREED**, as per the budget plan, that the papers should be issued to councillors, as confidential documents, for comment. The final budget and precept will be finalised at the next Finance and General Purposes meeting, for recommendation to Full Council on the 10th January 2019.

18/157 Twitter and Council Policy

To receive an update on an SMPC badged Twitter account and to note the action taken with regard to compliance with Council policy:

Cllr. T. Reade highlighted the circumstances regarding the Twitter account and reported on the measures taken. Confirming that the situation has been resolved and social media is now being used in line with council policy.

Close

The meeting closed at 9.05pm