



Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council

Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee 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: Lynn Hannawin

Public/Press: There were no members of the public and no members of the press present.

18/148	Public Questions: None	
18/149	To receive any apologies for absence: Cllr. P. Wingfield	
18/150	To receive any declarations of interest and dispensations: 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	To receive and 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.	Clerk
18/152	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 10 th 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 10 th 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	<p>To receive and consider the proposed approach to the 2019-20 budget, and review the detailed first draft.</p> <p>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.</p>	
18/157	<p>To receive an update on an SMPC badged Twitter account and to note the action taken with regard to compliance with Council policy:</p> <p>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.</p>	

The meeting closed at 9:05pm.