



Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council

Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting

held on Monday 31st October 2016 @ 7.30 pm

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

Present:

Councillors: Cllr. M. Dennett (Chairman), Cllr. J. Earl, Cllr. A. Butcher, Cllr. D. Ives, Cllr N. Kiley, Cllr. P. Wingfield.

Clerk: Haydn Selwyn-Jones – Parish Clerk

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

Part I		
16/26	Public Questions None	
16/27	To receive any apologies for absence Apologies were received from Cllr. P. Blagden, Cllr. A. Richardson.	
16/28	To receive any declarations of interest and dispensations None	
16/29	Financial Report The Clerk presented the Financial reports for September 2016 which were received and APPROVED for presentation to Full Council on 10 th November 2016.	
16/30	Minor matters for information only i. Cllr. J. Earl updated the committee upon the meeting held with WBC CEO Nick Carter and Andy Day today to discuss options for devolution. The Clerk was requested to request a list of services currently undertaken by WBC so that a table of possible areas where the Council could consider taking on devolved services could be generated. ii. Cllr. P. Wingfield asked how responding to the RBL regarding Garth Hall was progressing and The Clerk advised on his difficulties in identifying builders to provide budget quotes for the work to be undertaken so the Council can consider the potential costs involved. The Clerk was provided with three possible companies to make contact with. iii. Cllr. P. Wingfield requested that a “quiet word” could be had with the Royal British to ensure that the speakers at Remembrance Day are audible.	
16/31	Future Agenda Items None	
16/32	<u>Exclusion of Press and Public</u> The resolution to exclude members of the public and press from the meeting at Part II, Items 16/33, 16/34 &16/35 on the Agenda due to the confidential nature of the information being discussed was AGREED unanimously .	
#	It was unanimously AGREED to extend the meeting to finish the Agenda.	

<u>Part II</u>	
16/33	<p>To consider the finance implications of NDP Implementation projects for 2017/2018 budget.</p> <p>The Clerk/RFO's report was received and noted and it was AGREED that the Clerk/RFO should prepare the draft budget for 2017–2018 reflecting the possible funding needs to proceed with some of the projects being considered, for presentation to Council to approve, in accordance with the Clerk/RFO's report with some minor adjustments to the percentage split between the actions proposed.</p>
16/34	<p>To consider the existing and future TVP contract for the part funded PCSO to prepare a recommendation for presentation to Full Council on 10th November 2018.</p> <p>The Clerk advised that he was having a meeting with Inspector Chris Ward, along with Burghfield and Sulhampstead Parish Councils on Thursday 10th November to discuss the issues that have arisen as a result of the resignation of our part-funded PCSO.</p> <p>Although the general feeling was that the present contract for a part-funded PCSO was not providing the services expected or providing value for the cost involved, no decision was taken to recommend to Full Council until after the outcomes of the meeting with TVP on Thursday are known.</p>
16/35	<p>To consider the Library consultation and the possible financial implications to prepare a recommendation for presentation to Full Council on 10th November 2018.</p> <p>These were discussed, in the light of a letter received from Mike Brookes and it was proposed to AGREE to his suggestion of a meeting to discuss matters further.</p>

The meeting closed at 8:45 pm.