



Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council

Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting

Meeting held on Tuesday 7th January 2016 in The Parish Council Office, 27 Victoria Road, Mortimer at 7:30pm

Present:

Councillors: Cllr. M. Dennett, Cllr. J. Earl, Cllr. N. Carter, Cllr. P. Blagden, Cllr. T. Butcher, Cllr. A. Richardson, Cllr. P. Wingfield

Clerk: Haydn Selwyn-Jones (Acting Clerk)

Public/Press: None

Part I		
16/1	Apologies for absence: None	
16/2	Declarations of Interest: All Cllrs. declared a potential pecuniary interest in any discussions regarding budgets and precept due to all being Council Tax payers in the Parish. All provided Dispensation papers.	
16/3	Financial Regulations: A draft Financial Regulation was presented by Cllr. A. Richardson and it was AGREED that this should be reviewed by Cllr. M. Dennett and The Clerk for presentation the next F&GP meeting.	MD/HSJ
16/4	Financial Report: Cllr. M. Dennett presented the Financial Report for the year ending 30 th November 2015. This was discussed and a motion to move into Part II due to confidential matters regarding Salaries needing to be discussed was proposed by Cllr. M. Dennett, seconded by Cllr. J. Earl and AGREED unanimously and the meeting then moved into Part II.	
Part II		
16/5	The confidential matters regarding salaries were discussed and the meeting then moved back into Part I.	
Part I		
16/6	The Financial Report was received and noted.	
16/7	Exclusion of Press and Public: A motion to pass a resolution to exclude members of the press and public from the meeting at Part II for item 6 on the Agenda due to the confidential nature of the information being discussed was proposed by Cllr. M. Dennett, seconded by Cllr. Earl and AGREED unanimously.	
Part II		
16/8	2016 – 2017 Budget: The budget proposals presented by Cllr. M. Dennett and The Clerk were fully discussed and several changes were made to the budget as a result, for presentation to Full Council on 14 th January 2016. As part of these discussions it was AGREED that the following fees for use of Parish Council facilities should be increased: i. Cemetery Fees – To be increased by 3% ii. Fairground Hire Fee – To be increased by 5%	
	The meeting closed at 09:32pm	The date of the next meeting to be decided.