

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Thursday 11 December at 7.00 p.m.

1 Church Walk, Holmes Chapel.

1. Attendance	Cllr S Ranger Cllr B Bath Cllr J Clowes Cllr IM Mackenzie Cllr MJ Street Mrs NL Clarke – Clerk
2. Apologies	RESOLVED (F14/15/11) to receive apologies from Cllrs Parry and Savage
3. Declarations of Interest	None
4. Minutes	RESOLVED (F14/15/12) To approve the minutes of the Committee meeting held on 23 October 2014.
5. Matters Arising	None
6. Budget Preparation and Precept	<p>The committee discussed the budget report and proposed budget for 2015/16 at length. Concerns were raised about funding for the AP club should the Council be successful in its bid and the implications to the precept requirement. Allocations to capital projects for 2015/16 were discussed and the ability to build up reserves should the Council take on the AP Club.</p> <p>RESOLVED (F14/15/13)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the Clerk prepares a draft budget based on recommendations to circulate prior to the Full Council meeting on 15 January 2014• further work to be done on a 5 year plan to be presented to the Council.• Cllr Steve Ranger to prepare a report to take to Full Council on 15 January about financial implications of the AP club.
7. Grants and Donations.	<p>Members discussed applications for grants and donations from</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the Good Companions Bowling Club for a grant of £3,500 to fit out the kitchen and provide carpets.• Holmes Chapel Singers - general assistance• St. Christopher Corale - general assistance <p>The 2014-15 budget has allocated £3000 in the budget for donations. Up to 30 November 2014 £1350 has been spent leaving £1,650 to be allocated.</p> <p>RESOLVED (F14/15/14) to recommend the following to Full Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Good Companions Bowling Club - £500• Holmes Chapel Singers - £100• St. Christopher Chorale - none as they are not

	based in Holmes Chapel
8. Salary Increase	Members considered the terms of the National Joint Council for Local Government Services 2014/2016 Pay Scales and Allowances which provides for a pay increase of 2.2% with effect from 1 st January 2015 along with a special one off 'non consolidated' payment of £100 (pro rata) to be paid in December 2014. RESOLVED (F14/15/16) to approve the recommendation.
9. Review of Financial Calendar	The Clerk reported that all items have been completed.
10. Chairman and Clerk's reports	The Clerk reported that the grant for preparing the Neighbourhood Plan has been received. Monies are to be spent before the end of March 2015.
11. Private and Confidential Elm Drive Play Area	The Committee RESOLVED (f14/15/17) that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted. A report was given on a potential funding stream for the Elm Drive Play Area which is confidential at the present time. This may impact on budget setting.
Meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.	
These minutes will be submitted for approval at the next meeting scheduled for 15 th January 2015 Until approved they are draft minutes.	

Signed as Chairman of the Committee as a true and accurate record:

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