



Minutes of Finance Committee held on 27th March 2019

Meeting commenced at 7.00pm

Minute		Action
996	Attendance: Cllrs Mear, Boggis, Mansfield, Glynn Davies. Cllr Nicklen arrived 7.04pm Cllr Holland - observing Clerk : C. Stephenson	
997	Apologies: Cllrs Godley and Baxter	
998	Declarations of Interest: None	
999	Request for DPI Dispensations: None	
1000	Minutes of meeting held on 27th February 2019 – Councillors agreed the minutes are a true record of that meeting and they were duly signed.	
1001	Public Participation : There were no members of the public present	
1002	List of payments for approval : Cllrs agreed the list of payments up to 21 st March 2019 totalling £13,151.40.	
1003	Verification of two bank accounts and reconciliation statements up to 21st March 2019 and Nationwide bank statement and reconciliation up to 1st March 2019 – Cllrs agreed all bank statements and reconciliation statements and these were agreed and duly signed by Cllr Nicklen.	
1004	Budget printouts 2018/19 – Cllrs reviewed the printout provided up to 21 st March 2019 and noted current position.	
1005	Public Conveniences, Sompting Recreation Ground – The Clerk advised councillors of the current position regarding the leak in the water pipe between the pavement and the toilet block and the anticipated unforeseen expenditure regarding any repairs. Quotes had been obtained for remedial works. These will be considered by Amenities and Environment Committee together with a proposed way forward on 3 rd April 2019. Given the significance of this item in terms of the council deciding on a way forward and the likely expenditure involved, this item will also be considered at Full Council on 10 th April 2019, taking into consideration any recommendations made by the Amenities and Environment Committee.	
1006	Bank Account – Following the decision at the last meeting for the council to change bank providers, the Clerk advised it was a) potentially a lengthy process, b) that there may be a change in which councillors are on the	

Finance Committee following the May Council meeting and c) the council is due to receive its annual precept payment which is paid directly into its bank account in April. Given the various issues, it was **agreed** to postpone the opening of the new account until the matter as to which councillors should be added to the new bank mandate is considered by Finance Committee on 5th June 2019 for the new account.

Clerk

1007 **Caretaker/cleaner salary** – The Clerk advised of the difficulty in recruiting to this position and the need to advertise the post at a slightly higher rate of pay than was previously budgeted for. Councillors had already **agreed** the increase prior to his meeting to allow the filling of this post at the earliest opportunity. This added approx. £1800 to the annual budget for this post for 2019/20 and this was **endorsed** at this meeting.

1008 **Grant application received from Victim Support** – The Clerk advised that an application had been received but unfortunately this year’s budget had already been committed. Clerk to advise Victim Support to re-apply in the new financial year. An enquiry had also been received asking for a potential grant for some children to attend a day’s outing but that a decision would be needed before the next consideration of grant applications in June. Councillors felt in view of desire to help in this matter if they could, they would be prepared on this occasion to consider such an application at the next Finance Committee on 24th April 2019 if that would help secure the outing. Clerk to advise accordingly.

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1009 **Date of next meeting** : 7pm on 24th April 2019

Meeting closed at 7.50pm

Signed
Chairman

Dated