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Minutes of Full Council held on 16th December 2019

Meeting commenced at 7.00pm

Minute		Action
3230	Attendance: Cllrs Baxter, Glynn Davies, Thornton, Vimpany, Holland, Aulton, Derham, Nicklen, Mansfield Clerk: C. Stephenson	
3231	Apologies : Cllr Mear. Cllr Boggis had advised he would be late but did not arrive before end of meeting	
3232	Declarations of Interest and any requests for dispensation: None	
3233	Policing Matters – Clerk advised no further updates available to that previously considered at November Council meeting.	
3234	Report of District and County Councillors – Cllr Mear (ADC) and Cllr Barton (WSCC) not present. Cllr Mansfield (ADC) advised no updates.	
3235	Minutes of meeting held on 13 th November 2019 – Councillors agreed the minutes are a true record of that meeting and they were duly signed.	
3236	Public Participation - No members of the public present.	
3237	Nominations for vacancy on Finance Committee – Cllr Baxter proposed Cllr Vimpany, seconded by Cllr Nicklen. Agreed. Clerk to invite Cllr Vimpany to future meetings of Finance Committee.	Clerk
3238	Council Budget 2020/21 – Clerk went through the draft budget figures circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting as considered by the Finance Committee on 4 th December 2019. Figures were also tabled for additional information, showing the effects of various increases in precept amount on the budget. Members acknowledged there had been no increase in the precept amount for the past 9 years resulting in the council having to absorb increases in inflation, costs, new projects etc and felt this was not sustainable in the long term. Councillors were particularly mindful of the impact any increase might have on residents. Clerk reminded that it is the councillors that set the budget on behalf of the council and take responsibility for the decision. Cllr Nicklen advised that Finance Committee had supported the precept be raised by £5k, but following a long, detailed discussion and the various points raised at this meeting tonight, Cllr Baxter now proposed, seconded by Cllr Vimpany, that the precept be increased by £10k for 2020/21 to £92,700 and this	

	was agreed . Clerk to advise ADC accordingly. Clerk is asked to provide a copy of the agreed budget to all councillors and place copy on website. The Clerk is also asked to contact Adur District Council with a proposal that a nominal fee plus 10% be charged to anyone hiring the Recreation Ground to cover the use of the public conveniences and that this amount be passed onto the Parish Council.	Clerk Clerk
3239	Authority to sign Licence for Alterations for new replacement doors to Harriet Johnson Centre – In accordance with Standing Order 23a, Councillors agreed this be signed and stamped with the council's official seal.	
3240	Committee minutes, reports, recommendations from Committees and Working Groups :	
a)	Planning Committee – Minutes of the meetings held on 6 th November 2019 and 20 th November 2019 – Noted.	
b)	Amenities and Environment Committee - Minutes of the meeting held on 23 rd October 2019 – Noted.	
c)	Finance Committee - Minutes of the meetings held on 6 th November 2019. Noted	
d)	Centre Committee - Minutes of the meetings held on 16 th October 2019. Noted	
3241	Report of representatives to other bodies :	
a)	Adur County Local Committee – Cllr Glynn Davies has not been notified of any meetings. Clerk to check Cllr Glynn Davies is on the list.	Clerk
b)	Sussex Association of Local Councils – Cllr Nicklen advised SALC to undertake "in depth" review on the organisation including training, continued use of Sackville House etc.	
c)	Adur District Conservation Area Consultative Group – Cllr Aulton advised he has introduced himself to the group and has dealt with a couple of conservation matters, neither of which related to Sompting.	
d)	West Area Capital Funding Board – Cllr Boggis not present to update.	
e)	Sompting Big Local – Cllr Baxter meeting with SBL again in January.	
f)	 A27 – Cllr Nicklen advised nothing to report. A27 Bypass Group – Cllr Baxter advised letters to be sent to new local MP's and Sec of Transport. 	
g)	Air Raid Shelter – Cllr Boggis not present.	
h)	Sompting Festival - Cllr. Baxter advised working group is performing well, plans developing, quotes being obtained etc. All councillors are welcome to join the group who meet at 6.30pm before Finance Committee each month. Any further quotes etc to be passed to Cllr Baxter asap.	
i)	Harriet Johnson Centre - Nothing to report	
j)	EPIC – Cllr Glynn Davies advised she had attended Board meeting. Project going well. Possible "wet area" links between river, Malthouse Meadow and Beggars Bush being explored.	
k)	Community in the Countryside in Malthouse Meadow - Works proceeding by SDNP/Sompting Estate at Beggars Bush. Clerk advised ADC Parks Team have supported sheep grazing proposal, but now with ADC Legal Team – await outcome. Cllr Glynn Davies to provide Clerk	CGD/
I)	with examples of similar successful projects elsewhere to forward on. Millfield – No meetings have taken place. Cllr Mansfield advised funds originally earmarked for Millfield have since been re-allocated to Southwick. Cllr Mansfield is asked to inform Cllr Baxter if and when a meeting is arranged or if any further information becomes available.	Clerk PM/CB
3242	Reminder of Christmas/New Year Office Closing - Cllrs were reminded that the Parish Council offices close at midday Monday 23 rd	ALL

December 2019 and open again at 9am on Thursday 2nd January 2020. Caretaker is checking building for security etc over this period. Emergency contact details have been posted on parish noticeboards, website etc.

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Date of next meeting: 7.30pm on Wednesday 8th January 2020.

NB Cllrs have subsequently agreed this meeting be cancelled as it's so close to return to work after Christmas and the New Year. Next meeting will now be 7.30pm on Wednesday 12th February 2020.

Meeting closed at 7.57pm

Signed Chairman of the Council	Dated