



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE ON TUESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2016 HELD IN THE PARISH MEETING ROOM, GOUDHURST ROAD, MARDEN COMMENCING AT 8.30PM**

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- 32/16 **Present:** Cllrs Adam, Brown, Mannington, Reed and Tippen. Cllrs Robertson and Turner together with the Clerk were also in attendance.
- 33/16 **Apologies:** Cllr Boswell gave her apologies.
- 34/16 **(a) Register of Interests:** There were no amendments to the register of interests  
**(b) Granting of Dispensation:** There were no requests for dispensation of any item on this agenda
- 35/16 **Additional Expenditure 2015/16**  
 At the last Finance Meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> December Cllrs discussed further purchases prior to 31<sup>st</sup> March. The Clerk had obtained quotes and costings and the following was proposed and agreed:
- (a) Leaf blower: agreed to a cost of £230.00
  - (b) Generator for Southons Field: as this was for use of maintenance staff only it was agreed that a cost of up to £500 would be permitted.
  - (c) Litter bins: Several had now been installed and MPC had previously agreed to match fund MBC to a total of £650. However not all bins were in place therefore this would not be paid until all work had been completed.
  - (d) Litter bin for Southons Field: - discussed and agreed at last meeting.
  - (e) Resurfacing of footpath adjacent to The Chestnuts, Marden Playing Field: 3 quotes had been received and it was agreed to pursue with the quote from L J Marsh of £1,250.
  - (f) Office security/alarm system: 3 quotes had been received and it was agreed in principle with the quote from Cam-Tech of £655. However the Clerk wished to meet with them on site to discuss the quote in detail – therefore it was agreed that a limit of £700 would be put forward.
  - (g) Other: Resurfacing of Rookery Path and part of Southons Drive: quotes had been received along with (e) above and it was agreed that L J Marsh would be offered the work for both at a cost of £3,989 and £1,194 respectively.

37/16 **Updating Three-Year Financial Plan**



This item was discussed prior to item 36/16.

Cllr Adam had spent time to try to get the figures to agree but there was some discrepancy. Confirmation of some of these were received from the Clerk and incorporated into the spreadsheet.

*Concern was expressed that if the current form of expenditure and income was kept over the next few financial years there would be a deficit therefore the budget must be looked at in more detail to see where savings could be made. – do we want this in?*

After much discussion the figures for 2014/15 were agreed however Cllr Adam and the Clerk would meet to go through them, and previous years, in greater detail so that the subject headings correspondence with the external audit headings.

**36/16 Setting the Budget and Precept for 2016/17**

The budget, as proposed at the meeting of 1<sup>st</sup> December, would be submitted to the Extraordinary Full Council meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> January together with the Precept figure of £101,370 – this equates to £64.57 per year per Band D property.

**38/16 Invoices to be agreed and payment made:**

There were no cheques presented for signature

**39/16 Other Financial Issues**

There were no other financial issues to be discussed.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.10pm

Signed: ..... Date: 26<sup>th</sup> January 2016  
Cllr Dorothy Reed, Chairman, Marden Parish Council Finance Committee

