

STAPLEHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Committee, Group or Sub Group	
FINANCE GROUP – Special Meeting	
Meeting Date & Venue	
4 p.m. Tuesday, 1 st August 2017, Parish Office, Staplehurst Village Centre	
Report Author	
Mick Westwood – Parish Clerk	
Report	
<p>Special meeting called to discuss principally agenda item 3</p> <p>Present: Councillors Tom Burnham (TB), Sam Lain-Rose (SL-R), John Perry (JP), Paddy Riordan (PR) and Rory Silkin (RS). Mick Westwood (MW), Parish Clerk.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">Apologies: none.Minutes of last meeting (19/07/2017) had been circulated and were NOTED.Surrenden Playing Field & Nicholson Walk Freehold – <i>letter from MBC dated 21/07/17 (circulated 25/07/17): discussion of response options and next steps.</i> CONFIDENTIAL ITEM DUE TO COMMERCIAL SENSITIVITY. The Group NOTED the content of the letter and AGREED to respond in line with the negotiation arrangements agreed by SPC 16/01/17 (Min1589-90).Local Government Pension Scheme Exit Costs – <i>report from KCC (circulated 25/07/17): update from parish office.</i> The Group NOTED that KCC's report set the exit cost at £33k. MW said that he had asked KCC about possible payment options and awaited a response.Village Centre Contingency Fund – <i>copy of letter received from Village Centre Trustees 10/07/17 (copy for information further to item 14 of Finance Group meeting 19/07/17).</i> The Group NOTED the copy of the letter and confirmed the recommendations made at its meeting on 19/07/17 (item 14).Other Business – MW reported that three quotes had been sought and two received to mow the footpaths at Wimpey Field. To maintain adherence to the management plan Contrast Garden Maintenance (who had provided the most competitive quote at £20 per hour) had been asked to undertake a single cut. The Group AGREED that if the cut were to prove satisfactory then CGM should be asked to undertake future fortnightly cuts in the growing season and to request confirmation from Full Council at its next meeting.Dates of Next Meetings – 26th October 2017 & 8th January 2018.	