

Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance and Staffing Committee on
Monday 6th January 2020 at 7.00pm
at Parish Council Meeting Room.

Present

Cllr Tubb (Chairman)
Cllr Watton
Cllr Wyatt
Cllr Ronson
Cllr Duffield
Cllr Judge

In Attendance

Clerk: E Barry (recording) & Cllr Read as Chair and representative of the Facilities Committee

Members of Public: 0

20.01 Apologies – there were no apologies.

20.02 Minutes - To approve the minutes of the last meeting –PROPOSED by Cllr Ronson, SECONDED by Cllr Judge and AGREED

20.03 Declarations of Interest - There were no declarations of interest

20.04 Public Participation – There was no public participation

20.05 Budget 2020/21 - Presentation of proposed budget/precept

The Clerk circulated the second draft budget taking account of the updates Agreed at the last F&S meeting. There had been a further 9% increase in the tax base due to more homes being completed and occupied since the previous year. The salaries budget was increasing in part to include the park keeper, previously budgeted separately, increase in workload due to increase in village size and £2m Community Centre project spend and to take account of the predicted NALC salary inflation increases and scale increments. It was also AGREED that an additional £2K should be added to the grounds maintenance ad hoc budget, increase in dog bin budget to take account of potential additions in the next financial year. It was AGREED that the Café turnover and base rent income budget's should be reduced as it was expected they would be down during the community centre build and transition over to the new building. Fitness division was taken out of the other park permits as at the time of the meeting, it was unknown whether they would be operating in the park in 2020. Donations/Sponsorship budget was increased to include 'required' sponsorship and concessions income from Astonbury, in order to come in on budget.

Taking account of the above, the Clerk reported that this would take projected expenditure to £285,048 (excluding S106 and New Homes Bonus expenditure on projects), which would be met by projected income of £24,813, requiring a precept demand of £260,235. These figures were discussed and AGREED for recommendation to full council.

Taking all of the above into account, the Clerk reported that subject to no change in tax base information provided by AVDC, the precept payment per household would remain the same for 20/21 as it was for 19/20.

MOTION: to agree a budget of £285,048 to propose to full council – PROPOSED by Cllr Judge, SECONDED BY Cllr Watton and AGREED.

MOTION: to agree a precept of £260,235 to propose to full council - PROPOSED by Cllr Wyatt, SECONDED by Cllr Watton and AGREED.

It was AGREED also that pensions would be discussed in 2020 and that an item should be put on the next agenda to discuss whether to pay for the Christmas party from the members allowance budget.

20.06 Date of next meeting - A meeting date was not agreed but the Clerk recommended adding an agenda item to a future meeting, to discuss the possible reduction of the number of F&S meetings in line with other Parish Councils.

Signed.....Date