

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE ON TUESDAY 23RD JANUARY HELD IN THE PARISH MEETING ROOM, GOUDHURST ROAD, MARDEN COMMENCING AT 7.30PM

- 35/18 **Present:** Cllrs Adam, Boswell, Mannington and Tippen. Cllrs Brown, Harvey, Jones Newton and Turner together with the Clerk were also in attendance.
- 36/18 **Apologies:** There were no apologies.
- *37/18* **(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
- 38/18 **Approval of the Previous Finance Committee Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd January were agreed and signed as a true record.
- 39/18 Outstanding Financial Issues for 2017/18

The Clerk's computer monitor had ceased working. Cllrs therefore proposed and agreed that a new monitor would be purchased.

40/18 Draft Budget & Precept 2018/19 Budget

Prior to finalizing the budget the following items were discussed/noted:

The Memorial Hall Trustees had agreed that the office rent would remain at £3,500 for the forthcoming year.

It was proposed, and agreed, that the newsletter would be three times a year instead of four.

County Councillor Hotson had promised a grant of £500 for 2018 play scheme. Following the training session on the General Data Protection Regulations the Parish Council will need to buy in the services of a Data Protection Officer at a cost of approximately £500.

It was proposed than an increase of £200 would be added to the general maintenance budget for the installation/moving of litter bins.

Some other expenditure was slightly reduced to arrive at a Precept increase of 2%.

Precept

Cllrs proposed, and agreed, a 2% increase on the 2018/19 Precept which equates to £125,414.49. Band D would be paying £72.78 pa (an increase of £1.43pa on a Band D Property).

Members of the Finance Committee were in agreement and this would be taken to Extraordinary Full Council following this meeting.

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41/18 **5-year plan**

The 5-year plan was updated with the 2% increase and the next Finance Meeting would be to discuss the capital account and ring fence any projects in the forthcoming years.

42/18 Invoices to be agreed and payment made

No invoices were submitted for payment.

43/18 Other Financial Issues

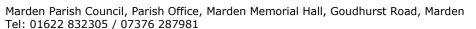
There were no other financial issues to discuss.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.40pm

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