

Wednesday 19th November 2014, 19:30hrs

Green Room, Victory Hall, Broadclyst

Press and public were welcome to attend.

Finance Committee meeting

The Finance Committee met and the following business was conducted

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Arthurs, Gent, Pepper, Wollacott (Chair)

In attendance: Clerk, Assistant Clerk

Members of Public: 0

Agenda item F14/29 and F14/30 were discussed under Part B conditions (exclusion of press and public) as they contain matters of a confidential and contractual nature

F14/23 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Button and Massey

F14/24 DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST

No new Declarations of interest not currently on Councillors' ROIs and receipt of requests for new Disclosable Pecuniary Interest* (DPI) dispensations on items on the Agenda

Cllr Gent declared a personal interest on Agenda item 14/26 as owner of Mosshayne Lane

F14/25 FINANCIAL UPDATE

The 6 months Financial Statement to 30th September 2014 was received

It was noted that the budgeting for 2014/15 is sound as Council is operating in accordance with specific allocations

It was proposed by Cllr Arthurs, seconded Cllr Gent and unanimously agreed that the 6 months Financial update be recommended to Council for approval and IT WAS RESOLVED

F14/26 DOG BIN AT MOSSHAYNE LANE

Cllr Gent declared a Personal Interest, took no part in the discussion and did not vote on this agenda item.

The installation of a dog waste bin on Mosshayne Lane at the cost of £63 with an installation cost on completion plus £200 annual service charge was discussed in response to a request from local residents who have noticed an increase in fouling.

It was proposed by Cllr Arthurs, seconded Cllr Pepper and unanimously agreed to install a bin in the area.

It was also noted the Clerk, Cllr Vaughan and EDDC Environmental Health Officer Kaz Arnett are meeting in the area tomorrow morning to launch an 'owner-education' programme, including stencilling and posters.

Furthermore it was noted a second bin will become necessary further along the lane in time as developments in the West End are built out. Provision of and servicing of this and any other additional bins in the vicinity to be raised with developers via Section 106 contributions.

F14/27 CRANBROOK COMMUNITY FORUM FUNDS

The closing balance of the Cranbrook Community Forum of £1203.18 was noted. These monies will be held in trust by Broadclyst Parish Council until such time it is possible to transfer it to Cranbrook Town Council

Once funds have cleared, the amount of £1203.18 to be transferred to ear-marked reserves account.

F14/28 BOWLS GREEN IRRIGATION SUPPLY

Cllr Pepper proposed, seconded by Cllr Arthurs and IT WAS RESOLVED to set up a Direct Debit mandate to SWW for the sub meter at the Pavilions which feeds the sprinkler system

The Chairman proposed that the meeting go into Part B session to discuss matters of a confidential and contractual nature. There were no members of press or public present to ask to withdraw from the meeting at this point due to the contractual nature of the business to be transacted.

F14/29 BOWLS GREEN REPORT

An Officers report was received regarding Bowls green maintenance options for 15/16.

This has come back to Council as there has been a continuing reduction in volunteers as club membership dwindles and the average age increases. It is also noted that the green is not quite up to League standard as it might be. Investment in a professional contract at this stage will get and keep the facility at a standard at which it could attract more teams, helping towards the longer-term sustainability of the Green.

It was proposed by Cllr Arthurs, seconded Cllr Gent and unanimously agreed to enter a full maintenance contract with the identified contractor. and it was agreed to make this recommendation to Full Council on 1 December 2014.

F14/30 NJC NATIONAL PAY

It was noted the current NJC Local Government Pay review has been concluded and its relevance to this Council as an employer will bring a 2.2% rise to the Clerks salary point. This is effective from 1st January 2015, with 2 non-consolidated payments in December 2014 and before 1st April 2015.

It was proposed by Cllr Gent, seconded by Cllr Arthurs and unanimously agreed to recommend processing of this 2.2% pay award to Full Council.

The Chairman proposed the meeting go back into Part A and proceeded with the remaining agenda items.

F14/31 BUDGET FOR 15/16

a. The draft budget and budget report was received from the RFO and the recommendations contained within were discussed.

It was noted the changes to the Tax Base have had a detrimental effect on the band D average,

together with changes to factoring, ongoing and forthcoming strategic development sites in the West end, changes to DCC service provision for the parish and the continuing reduction in the Council Tax Support Grant from EDDC

Prudent Council with prudent budget, difficult decision to increase costs to pick up services which are no longer provided by LA. Without which no youth provision, no unclassified roads, bowls. Council is a responsible employer, reflecting Living Wage and pension contributions in its budget. Providing reserves for unforeseen spends and further devolution.

b. It was proposed by Cllr Arthurs and seconded by Cllr Gent, with all in favour to approve the budget and set the precept for 2015-16 at £116,478.48 to be taken as a recommendation to Full Council on 1 December 2014

F14/32 CLOSE OF THE MEETING

The meeting closed at 21:10hrs

Signed:

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Dated:

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