

WHITTLESEY TOWN COUNCIL

FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of the Finance & Policy Committee held on Monday 28th November 2016 at 6.30pm at Grosvenor House, Grosvenor Road, Whittlesey, PE7 1AQ

Present: Cllr Dorling, Butcher, Mason, Mason, Miscandlon, Mrs Jolley, Bristow

Officer in Attendance Mrs Susan Piergianni – Town Clerk & RFO

Recording: DS250088.DS2

FP84/16 - To receive apologies from absent Members.

Cllr Wicks (Prior Engagement)

FP85/16.- Declaration of Members Pecuniary Interests, on items to be discussed later in the agenda and the Council to decide which items are to be discussed as confidential under agenda item number FP16/63.

There were no declarations

FP86/16 – Public Forum.

There were no members of the public present.

FP87/16 - To confirm and sign the Minutes from the last meeting of the Finance & Policy on 24th October 2016

Cllr Butcher was present at the meeting, the Clerk to amend the minutes.

FP88/16 Agenda Items for Discussion

- Property working group update – Cllr Dorling proposed the property working group update be delayed as it is not for public consumption.
- Asset Register update – As Cllr Wicks was not present this item will be deferred. (RW)
- Town Council meeting dates and times – Cllr would prefer the meetings to continue on the last Monday of the month at 6.30, there will be no meeting in December, but the meeting in August will be scheduled. Cllr Mason suggested the 4th Monday of the month would be better and would prevent possible clashes with the Whittlesey Business Forum.
- Neighbourhood Plan – This is moving forward slowly, 25 people attended 10 of which were Councillors. There were approximately 70 people invited. Cllr Mrs Laws is now sending a copy of the draft questionnaire to the people that couldn't attend and requesting their feedback. Cllr Dorling is circulating to everyone in the business forum. Cllr Bristow advised that free post was suggested by residents at the meeting. All this issues will be further discussed by the NHP team.
- Bus Stops – Cllr Butcher, Boden, discussed with Matt Pickering Cambridgeshire County Council an additional bus shelter for Coates it may be located slightly closer to Whittlesey. The second item discussed would be an additional bus shelter located at the Grosvenor Road car park. The bus shelter at Grosvenor Road was a Fenland initiative and CCC are asking for them to take this on. The maintenance on the bus shelter in Coates would be the responsibility of Whittlesey Town Council

FP89/16. Financials.

- Bank Reconciliation – Members received the reconciliation
- Year to date Figures – the Chairman presented the update to members and confirmed we are under budget.
- Payment List for approval – This will be updated for Full Council as there were no payments for approval
- Uncashed Payments - the Clerk has resolved the queries that were outstanding.
- 2017/18 Budget – Suggestions for inclusion in the 2017/18 budget.
 - o Advertising more information is required by Cllr Curtis
 - o HGV Survey – this was proposed by Cllr Boden as he feels that the yearly survey is inadequate, Cllr Bristow felt that there is no mileage in an additional survey being completed as there is no plan for a Whittlesey bypass.
- Cllr Dorling proposed a 7.8% increase in the precept, this will go forward to Full Council for approval prior to precept submission. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Mrs Jolley with a unanimous vote in favour.

FP90/16 - Donation Requests.

Donations are dealt with at the following meetings February, April, July & November.

- Whittlesey Christmas Lights Committee - £2500.00 proposed Cllr Bristow, seconded Cllr Butcher, unanimous vote in favour.

FP91/16 – Information

- There was no additional information.

FP92/16. – Date of Next Meeting – 23rd January 2017


- *update*

FP93/16. Exclusion of the Public, including the Press.

Resolved that in respect of the following item of business, the public, including the press, will be excluded from the meeting, because of the confidential nature of the business to be discussed, publication of which would be prejudicial to the public interest.

There were no members of the public present.

Meeting Closed 7.15



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Cllr Eamon Dorling
Chairman
Finance & Policy