

Whittlesey Town Council

FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Finance & Policy Committee on Monday 16th July at 6.30pm at Grosvenor House, Grosvenor Road, Whittlesey

Present: Cllr Dorling, Wicks, Butcher, Mrs Jolley, Miscandlon

Officer in Attendance: Mrs Sue Piergianni – Town Clerk & RFO

Recording: DS25.

FP51/18 - To receive apologies from absent Members.

Cllr Bristow & Mason (prior engagements)

FP52/18.- 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 FP60/18.

There were no declarations.

FP53/18 – Public Forum.

There were no members of the public present.

FP54/18 - To confirm and sign the Minutes from the last meeting of the Finance & Policy on Monday 18th June 2018

Ratified: The Minutes were signed as a true record.

FP55/18 Agenda Items for Discussion

- Freedom of Information Policy (F.O.I.) – This had been deferred from the June meeting, members were happy about the content, but unsure about the charges, the Clerk to see what the library charges for photocopies and email to all members of the committee. Should this be acceptable the policy will be ready for approval at the September Full Council meeting.
- Financial Regulations – The Clerk to email this policy to members with any suggested changes highlighted.

FP56/18. Financials.

- Bank Reconciliation for year-end 31st March 2019 – Members had received this at the Full Council meeting, there was no changes.
- Year to date Figures – The Chairman advised we are 26% through the year with a 22% spend.
- Payment List for approval – There were no payments for approval.
- Uncashed Payments – There were no uncashed payments.

FP57/18 - Donation Requests.

- Whittlesey Mud Walls Group - Cllr Wicks to meet with Mr Phillips to get obtain some clarity on their donation request.

FP58/18 – Information


Cllr Dorling suggested to members that everyone should have a .gov.uk email address, there are many reasons for this, it would prevent the amount of spam that Cllrs received, it would also mean if a member ceases to be a Cllr, they email can be closed and therefore managed in a much better way. If a challenge was made under F.O.I. a 'x.gov.uk' email could be suspended and replaced with an alternative, however a private email address may contain personal or business data that could be troublesome for the individual and WTC. Furthermore, a server based within Europe will fall within the scope of GDPR whereas a private email account might not.

Cllr Dorling and Cllr Wicks also suggested that the Website, should be Whittleseytc.gov.uk, The Clerk to research these possibilities.

FP59/18 – Date of Next Meeting – 20th August

FP60 /18. Exclusion of the Public, including the Press.

Meeting Closed 19.15



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Cllr Eamonn Dorling
Chairman
Finance & Policy Committee

