



FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE

For the health, safety and well-being of our community as a result of Covid-19 and following the instruction of the Prime Minister's address on 23rd March 2020 all Parish Council meetings will be held remotely until further notice.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Dear Councillors,

You are summoned to a meeting of the Finance & Policy Committee to be held on Monday 21st December 2020 at 6.30pm at Peel House, 8 Queen Street, Whittlesey, PE7 1AY.

Yours faithfully,

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Clerk/RFO of the Council

15th December 2020

AGENDA

FP51/2020 - To receive apologies from absent Members.

FP52/2020- To receive members' declarations of disclosable pecuniary, non-disclosable pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in relation to any agenda item (see guidance notes at the end of the agenda).

FP53/2020 – Public Forum – 15 minutes

FP54/2020 - To confirm and sign the Minutes from the Finance & Policy Committee on Monday 16th November 2020

FP55/20. Financials. –

1. Budget 2021/2022.
2. Bank Reconciliation for year-end 31st October 2020.
3. Year to date Figures
4. Payment List for approval

FP56/2020 - Donation Requests.

FP57/2020 Agenda Items for Discussion

Policies and Procedures for review

- a. Evacuation Procedure
- b. Equality Policy

Policy Revisions as suggested by Cllr Dorling

1. Financial Regulations – policy review - CB
2. Grant Applications – policy review - CB

3. Smoking and Vaping – policy review - CB
4. WTC statement on Racial Equality and how the diversity of staff and Councillors will better reflect the demographic and racial make up of this area. EDWTC strategy for economic recovery of the area following the financial impact of COVID-19. ED
5. WTC statement on Climate Change and the actions being taken to attain zero Carbon by 2050. ED

FP50/2020– Date of Next Meeting – Monday 18th January 2021

GUIDANCE NOTES

Exclusion of the public from meetings for confidential items of business

To exclude the public (including the press) from a meeting of the Council, it is necessary for the following proposition to be moved and adopted “that, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public be excluded from the meeting for item number(s), which involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) as indicated”

Notes on members’ interests

Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

- (1) *Members are required to declare any disclosable pecuniary interest and, unless the member has obtained a dispensation, he or she cannot discuss or vote on the matter at the meeting and must leave the room whilst the matter is being debated or voted on.*
- (2) *A member has a disclosable pecuniary interest if it*
 - (a) *relates to him or her, or*
 - (b) *is an interest of -*
 - (i) *the member’s spouse or civil partner; or*
 - (ii) *a person with whom the member is living as husband and wife; or*
 - (iii) *a person with whom the member is living as if civil partners and the member is aware that the other person has the interest.*
- (3) *Disclosable pecuniary interests include -*
 - (a) *any employment or profession carried out for profit or gain;*
 - (b) *any financial benefit received by the member in respect of expenses incurred carrying out his or her duties as a member (except from the Council);*
 - (c) *any current contracts with the Council;*
 - (d) *any beneficial interest in land/property within the Council's area;*
 - (e) *any licence for a month or longer to occupy land in the Council's area;*
 - (f) *any tenancy where the Council is landlord and the member (or person in (2)(b) above) has a beneficial interest;*
 - (g) *a beneficial interest (above the specified level) in the shares of any body which has a place of business or land in the Council's area.*

Other Interests

- (4) *If a member has a non-disclosable pecuniary interest or a non-pecuniary interest, he or she is required to declare that interest but may remain and participate in discussion and voting.*
- (5) *A member has a non-disclosable pecuniary interest or a non-pecuniary interest where -*
 - (a) *a decision in relation to the business being considered might reasonably be regarded as affecting the well-being or financial standing of the member or a member of his or her family or a person with whom the member has a close association to a greater extent than it would affect the majority of the council tax payers, rate payers or inhabitants of the ward or electoral area for which the member has been elected or otherwise of the authority’s administrative area, or*
 - (b) *it relates to or is likely to affect any of the descriptions referred to above but in respect of a member of the councillor’s family (other than specified in (2)(b) above) or a person with whom the member has a close association and that interest is not a disclosable pecuniary interest,*