

# Whittlesey Town Council

## FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE

For the health, safety, and well-being of our community because 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. Whittlesey Town Council have resolved to use Zoom to facilitate the holding of meetings.

### **Minutes of the virtual meeting of the Finance & Policy Committee held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2020 at 6.30pm**

**Present:** Cllr Boden, Cllr Dorling, Cllr Miscandlon, Mason,

**Officer in Attendance:** Mrs Sue Piergianni – Town Council & RFO

**Recording:** This is made as an aide memoir for the Clerk.

#### **FP43/2020 - To receive apologies from absent Members.**

Cllr Mrs Mayor (prior engagement), Cllr Davies (unwell)

#### **FP44/2020- 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 FP52/2020.**

There were no declarations of interest

#### **FP45/2020 – Public Forum – A maximum of 10 Minutes is permitted for members of the public to address the meeting.**

There was one member of the public present, Cllr Roy Gerstner

#### **FP46/2020 - To Minutes from the last meeting of the Finance & Policy on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020**

#### **FP47/20. Financials. –**

- Bank Reconciliation to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020 - This was presented to Full Council on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2020.
- Year to Date Figures to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020 – Cllr Boden presented members with the expenditure breakdown for the first five months of the year. By the end of September, we will be 50% through the year and have a more accurate position of the council as all the anomalies will have now been processed.
- Cllr Mason advised this is the one year anniversary following the handover from NBC, and the retention of approximately 23K will need to be paid from to NBC once the snagging is complete, which will be undertaken in the next couple of weeks.
- Cllr Dorling asked will happen to the payments when the Clerk is away, The Clerk advised she will make all payments this week and will also give the cheque book to Cllr Mason should there be a need for any further payments which cannot wait for her return.

#### **FP48/2020 Agenda Items for Discussion**

- Policies for Review in 2020
  - o Financial Regulations – attached.
  - o Grant Applications - attached

- Smoking and Vaping policy attached.

The Clerk gave her apologies as these had not been sent out due to pressure of work but endeavour to send out the above polices for comment prior to the next F & P meeting

#### **FP49/2020 - Donation Requests.**

Cllr Boden explained to members the Cambridgeshire Search and Rescue donation request as there was rather a lot of accompanying paperwork. Members discussed this and asked for answers to the following questions:

The cameras quoted in the correspondence can be purchased for far less than the amount in the request, the FLIR LSX is 1584.00 and the FLIR LS-XR £2150.00 on Ebay. Is there a reason for the larger amount detailed in their paperwork?

CCC have this cameras and loan them out, has this been investigated?

March Fire Station also have these cameras, as they are based at March Fire Station, is there any reason why they cannot use theirs.

The Clerk will pose the questions to Cambridgeshire Search and Rescue (CamSAR) and advise if they can respond to the questions, the item can be considered at the next F & P meeting in October.

#### **FP50/2020 – Information**

There was no further information for discussion.

#### **FP51/2020– 19<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

#### **FP52/2020- Exclusion of the Public, including the Press.**

**Meeting Closed: 18.54**

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**Cllr Boden**  
Chairman  
Finance & Policy Committee