

## Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance Committee held Held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2010 at 8.00pm in the Community Office

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**Present:** Tony Williamson – Chairman  
Angie Paterson  
Ian Hill  
Barry Adby

**Officer:** Kristina Tynan

14/10 Apologies for Absence

Ted Backhouse, Nick Greaves, Rhian Woods, Roger Beattie.

15/10 Election of Chairman

Angie Paterson proposed Tony Williamson and this was seconded by Barry Adby and agreed unanimously. There were no other nominations.

**Resolved:** That Tony Williamson be elected as Chairman.

16/10 Election of Vice-Chairman

**RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:** That Ted Backhouse be appointed as Vice-Chairman.

17/10 Minutes from the Meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2010 were received by Council on 13/4/2010

**Resolved:** That these minutes are a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

18/10 Matters Arising

There were none other than agenda items.

19/10 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

20/10 Final costs of the Outdoor Fitness Equipment

These will be available shortly.

21/10 Costs and Programme for the completion of the programme re goal posts  
Deferred as we are awaiting a response from Playdale.

22/10 2009/2010 Final Outrun Figures

These were discussed and it was noted that the Operation Contingency was used toward the increased cost of grass cutting.

Regarding the budget for 2010/11 it was noted that we now need to add figures for Electricity and Water for the Community Office. It was also agreed that we need to review the Stationary, Interest and Website items. The car park lighting budget figure needs to be increased.

**Budget 2010/2011** will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

23/10 Balances at 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010

**Bank Accounts      £59,012.56**

Made up of:

General Reserve:    £20,739.05

Earmarked Reserve £38,553.24

It was noted that a VAT Claim for £29,169.00 has been sent to HM Revenue and Customs

24/10 Government proposals for no increase in Community Charge for 2011/2012

Tony Williamson reported that he had read about this in the media. Angie Parterson said that Communities Secretary Eric Pickles has reaffirmed the government's commitment to freezing council taxes and has stated :

"The new Government will work with local authorities to deliver a council tax freeze, whilst protecting vital local services"

25/10 Government request that Local Authorities publish all payments over £500: would it be straightforward for us to publish all such payments for 2009/2010 on our website?

Tony Williamson reported that he has read about this in the Media. Angie Paterson stated that Communities Secretary Eric Pickles and Local Government Association Chair Baroness Eaton have urged all councils to publish details of all spending over £500 in full and online as part of wider action to bring about a revolution in openness and accountability. The call for greater disclosure on spending is just one of a series of sweeping measures detailed in a letter being sent to councils by the Secretary of State . He makes clear that transparency and openness should be the default setting for the way councils do business, and calls on local government to move at speed to adopt this new approach.

Angie Paterson stated that it would come through within the Localism Bill around November 2010.

It was agreed that it would not be any problem for Watlington Parish Council to publish this information as it is already available.

26/10 Sports Field Rents

No information has been received on this issue.

27/10 Correspondence

1. Toe – Project funding for Fitness Equipment – **Noted**
2. SODC – Dog Bins – re Bacs Payment for incorrect invoice - **Noted**

28/10 Any Other Business

**Community Office Valuation** – A letter has been received from the Valuation Officer for a Business Rates valuation of £13250. We will need to contact SODC regarding this.

**Insurance** – The Policy has just been received from AON Limited, which has now had the Town Hall removed from it.

**Resolved:** That we accept this policy and pay £4521.47. We will need to look at the policy in detail.

**THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.45PM**