

Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance Committee held Held on Tuesday 31st May 2011 at 8.00pm in the Community Office

Present:

Councillors:

Ian Hill –Chairman
Ted Backhouse
Barry Adby
Tim Horton
Tony Williamson
Roger Beattie

Officer:

Kristina Tynan

10/11 Apologies for absence

Rhian Woods, Charles Rowton-Lee, Harvey Batten.

11/11 Election of Chairman

Ted Backhouse nominated Tony Williamson and this was seconded by Ian Hill. There were no other nominations.

Resolved: That Tony Williamson is unanimously elected as Chairman.

12/11 Election of Vice-Chairman

Tony Williamson proposed Tim Horton and this was seconded by Ted Backhouse. There were no other nominations.

Resolved: That Tim Horton be unanimously elected as Vice-Chairman.

13/11 Minutes from the Meeting on the 20th January 2011 were received by Council on 08/2/2011

Resolved: That these minutes were a correct record of the meeting and that they be signed by the Chairman.

14/11 Matters Arising

Further to the note from the Finance Committee Meeting 20/1/2011 regarding Point 5, Salaries, it was noted that the Caretaker has not yet received the increase for 2010/2011. It was noted that staff on a salary less than £21,000 should received £125 for 2010/2011 and £125 for 2011/2012

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:

a) That the Caretaker received £125 for 2010/2011 and £125 for 2011/2012 a total of £250 for both years.

b) That the Clerk receive 81.08% of £125 for both years. A total of £202.70 for 2 years.

c) That the Assistant to the Clerk receive 19% of £125 for both years. Total of £47.50.

15/11 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

16/11 Final Budget Figures for 2010/2011

Discussion took place on the figures which are attached.

It was noted that the Sport Field rent is £5000 set for 10 years until 2017 when a review will take place.

17/11 Budget Review 2011/2012.

It was noted that the £1000 lighting for the Car Park will need to be put in earmarked reserves as a bill has not yet been received for 2010/2011. It was noted that for the 2011/2012 budget the Tourism budget item will be moved to the Website item.

Precept – Tim Horton reported that until recently Watlington was always the second highest precept on the list, Berinsfield used to always be the highest. It was noted that at the moment, Watlington is 5th on the list and it is a credit that the Council has taken on the responsibilities for many things with being much lower on the list.

Public Charities – It was noted that there is money available from this Charity towards recreational items.

Resolved: That we send a letter to the Public Charities requesting a grant of £4000 towards Grass Cutting of the Recreation Ground and the Sports Field rent.

18/11 Car Park Budget/Contribution Review- Update was attached to the agenda

Discussion took place on this and it was noted that we have not yet received payment from the Co-op for 2010/2011 however the Clerk is sure that payment will be received. A number of businesses in the town have refused to pay for 2010/2011 and it was noted that the Parish Council cannot afford to pay more for the car park than is budgeted for. This issue will be discussed with the WBA when a meeting takes place as resolved by the Strategy Committee.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL: That we seek a meeting with the Co-op to discuss the car park issue which would be attended by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of Finance and also the Chairman of the Council.

19/11 Correspondence

1. Sara Sheppard – Council Tax Observation – **TW/KT responded to her query.**

20/11 Items for Next Meeting – September 20th 2011

External Audit if report received

Budget Review

Internal Audit Review

Staff Reveiws

21/11 Any Other Business

Meeting Schedule – Finance will meet quarterly.

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.50PM