



Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance Committee Held On Tuesday 28th November 2017 at 8pm in the Community Office

Present:

Councillors:

Tony Williamson (TW)
Ian Hill (IH)
Nicky Smallbone (NS)
Roger Beattie (RB)
Matt Reid (MR)
Fergus Lapage (FL)

Officer:

Kristina Tynan (KT)

49/17 Apologies for absence

There were none.

50/17 Chairman's Remarks

There were no remarks.

51/17 To approve the Minutes from the Meeting on the 10th October which were received by Council on 14/11/2017

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

52/17 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising other than agenda items.

53/17 Declarations of Interest

There were none notified.

54/17 Budget 2017/2018 – Update on Year to Date and End of Year Estimate will be sent prior to the meeting

The update is shown at the end of these minutes

55/17 Precept and Budget 2018/2019

Discussion took place on the following issues below:

Please note that the numbers in curly brackets { } show how much WPC now has to cover, that previously SODC and OCC paid so that there is no loss of services for our residents.

Routine Items

Central services

- allotments
- Pavilion & Sports field
- west room
- car park
- Green spaces
- Minor works
- Play equipment
- legal & election

SODC support reduction

- street cleansing {5000}

OCC support reduction

- Youth {3000}
- Buses {1500}
- Drop In & Day Centre (Thursday Club)
- Grass cutting
- Childrens Centre {5000}
- Traffic issues {300}
- Charlotte Coxe

Other issues

- Churchyard (850)
- Sports Field rent (5000)
- Neighbourhood Plan (5000 + printing)

Tax Base Information for 2017/2018 to note.

Tax Base 1157.4 up to 1171.6

Precept Band D £105.37

Inflation 4% £6,434

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

i) To increase the annual payment of Council Tax Band D from £105.37 to £109.58 and other bands proportionately.

ii) To establish a precept (being the Band D figure multiplied by the Tax base of 1171.6) of £128,389.55. This equates to an increase of £0.42 for each month (Band D) for the 10 months payable.

iii) To approve the attached Committee Budgets figures (titled Budget Recommendation for Full Council on 12th December 2017) as shown at the end of these minutes

56/17 Staff Issues

1. **Pensions** – IH and KT have had a problem accessing the Nest Account but hopefully this is now all resolved.
2. **Staff Salaries** - IH / TW will prepare a confidential note to be distributed to all councillors detailing the proposed salary increase. This will be taken in confidential session at the December Full Council meeting.
3. **Any Other Staff Issues**
There were none raised

57/17 Other Financial Issues

1. **Rent Review of Watlington Sports Field** – We have had no update on this issue.

58/17 General Issues

There were none raised.

59/17 Correspondence

1. SODC – Precept information – We need to notify SODC of our precept by 12/1/2017- **Noted**
2. Zurich – Welcome to Zurich's Local Community Advisory Service- **Noted**

60/17 Any Other Business

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9PM