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**Minutes of Finance Committee meeting held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 7.30pm in the Cleobury Country Centre, Cleobury Mortimer.**

**Present:**

Cllr Debbie Brown, Cllr Geoff Hainsworth, Cllr Paul French and Cllr Jon Bodenham.  
Finance Officer: Mrs D McBride

**12.00.18F Democratic 15 minutes Public Time**

There were no members of public present.

**12.01.18F Apologies for absence**

There were no apologies.

**12.02.18F Declaration of interests:  
Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

Members are reminded that they must not participate in the discussion or voting on any matter in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest and should leave the room prior to the commencement of the debate, whether or not the interest is entered in the register of member's interests maintained by the Monitoring Officer.  
There were no interests declared.

**12.03.18F To consider the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

The Minutes from the Finance Committee meeting held on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2018 were approved and signed.

**12.04.18F To review Projects list and future planning**

The Committee confirmed that there were no changes to the Projects List since the last review. Copies had been issued to all council members following the last Finance meeting.

**12.05.18F To consider Environmental Maintenance Grant application**

The Committee discussed the draft grant application and with a few additions RESOLVED to apply for the grant. The RFO will complete and return on-line as per Shropshire Council's instructions.

**12.06 18F To review draft budget for 2019/20**

All council members had been issued with a copy of the draft budget following the last Finance meeting. There have been no comments or alterations suggested. The RFO provided a table of calculations for the proposed precept, estimated taxbase figure and cost per average Band D household. The actual taxbase figure will not be known until nearer Christmas. After reviewing the various options and calculations, the Committee RESOLVED to propose a precept of £115,000, which at the current taxbase of 1154 would mean a cost per Average Band D household of £99.65. Once the actual taxbase figure is received this will be checked to ensure the household cost will remain under £100 this year. This proposal will be taken to full Council for approval on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019 with a brief note explaining the small increase is due to inflation and delivery of community projects which we have consulted on. Cllr Bodenham requested that once the budget is set it is aligned to the three-year plan so that it can be more easily interpreted.

**12.07.18F To set date of next Finance Committee meeting**

The next Finance Committee meeting will be on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 7pm.

**Meeting closed at 8.10pm.**

**Signed Chairman:**

**Date:**