



Minutes of Finance Committee meeting held on Monday 18th January 2021 at 7pm using the Zoom on-line facility commencing at 7pm.

Present:

Cllr Geoff Hainsworth, Cllr Debbie Brown, Cllr Paul French and Cllr Guy James.

Finance Officer: Mrs D McBride

Clerk: M Sheehan

Chairman, Cllr Hainsworth welcomed everyone to the meeting.

01.00.21F Democratic 15 minutes Public Time

There were no members of public present.

01.01.21F Apologies for absence

There were no apologies.

**01.02.21F 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.

01.03.21F To confirm the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meetings held on Mondays 16th & 23rd November 2020

The Minutes from the Finance Committee meetings held on Mondays 16th & 23rd November 2020 were approved and signed.

01.04.21F Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising from the previous Minutes.

01.05.21F To consider draft budget and precept proposals for 2021/22.

DM confirmed that the Finance Committee had gone through the first draft Budget in detail at the previous meeting and the only adjustments were to add £1,000 to Salaries to cover seasonal work on our proposed floral displays and remove references to the Shropshire Council play areas. The Neighbourhood Plan budget has now been reviewed and updated which shows Precept funding held in Ear-Marked Reserves and Grant funding available to complete the project. The final Taxbase figures have been received showing a small increase in the number of properties in the parish and DM has calculated the precept costs per household. The Committee agreed that as reserves are healthy there is no justification to put the Precept up and were happy to recommend the Budget (v.2) to Council for approval at their meeting on 1st February 2021. This Budget will keep the total Precept at £116,749.00 which will mean a small reduction per household. The Committee felt it was important to demonstrate good financial management and awareness of the financial burden on households especially during current times.

01.06.21F To review Business Plan

DM explained that the Three-Year Business Plan needs to be updated to cover 2021-22 – 2023-24 and the Annual Summary Business Plan will need to be updated for 2021-22. DM will make a start on these documents and email round for comment before discussion at the next Finance Committee meeting and presenting to Council in April.

01.07.21F To receive Future Agenda items

DB asked for the Food Bank account to be reviewed at the next meeting especially as clarification is required regarding money for Covid relief from the Town Council and other organisations. This will enable the audit trail to be documented. DB will provide a Food Bank Annual Report in due course.

Initials.....



01.08.21F To set the date of the next Finance Committee meeting

The next Finance Committee meeting will be held on Monday 22nd March 2021 at 7pm by Zoom. DB thanked DM for her hard work with the Neighbourhood Development Plan finances.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.17pm.

Signed Chairman:

Date:

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