

Cuddington Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, NORLEY ROAD CUDDINGTON ON THURSDAY 10TH MARCH 2016, COMMENCING AT 1.30PM.

Present: - Cllr G K Nixon Chairman, Cllr Brooks, Cllr C Lees, Cllr T Vincent.
Also present Cllr Faulkner and Mrs Julie Chrimes – Clerk.

- 1. Apologies:** None.
- 2. Declarations of Interest.** There were no disclosures of any (a) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and, (b) Other Disclosable Interests as required under Chapter 7 of the Localism Act 2011 and Cuddington Parish Council's Code of Conduct.
- 3. Councillor correspondence.** The committee considered Cllr Faulkner's correspondence taking each paragraph separately.

The F&GP committee recommend to full council that:

Paragraph's 1 and 2. Since there was a split decision regarding recommendations to be made to the Council for Paragraph 1 and 2 they should be considered by the full Council at the next statutory meeting.

Paragraph 3. The Clerk sought clarification on the budget heading "Village Plan Projects" which the Council have budgeted £6000.00 for in the financial year 2016/2017. The committee all agreed it was their understanding that this may be for a number of projects within the village and therefore the committee recommend to full council that; the word "plan" is deleted from the budget heading so that the clerk and any members can gain a clearer understanding of what the funds may be spent on.

It was noted that Cllr Lees left the meeting at 2.40pm.

Paragraph 4. The clerk advised the meeting that the Council's Precept request of £73,158 will equate to a £29.52 Band D precept which represents a 1.0% reduction from 2015/16.

Paragraph 5. The Chairman reported that during all precept calculation meetings items including affiliation fees to various bodies are considered to see if they continue to be value for money.

The Chairman also reported that the home office grant is included in the terms and conditions of the clerk's contract of employment (9.22) and is paid in accordance with Section 111 of LGA 1972.

It was noted that the Clerk carries out weekly visual inspections of Boundary Green Play area in her own time and the Council confirmed in 2013 that they would pay for her to complete a ROSPA inspection course. (See minute no. 100/2013) her current qualification is on the RPII Register, and expires on 8th May 2017.

Cllr Vincent reported that he and Cllr Lees had met with ChALC's Chief Officer Mrs Jackie Weaver, who carried out a review of the current clerk's terms and conditions in 2013, and the Council was advised that all parish clerks job descriptions vary considerably from Council to Council since in part, it is defined how active the Council is and also how involved individual Councillors are.

The clerk advised the committee meeting there are no rules or regulations on how involved individual Councillors must be.

The committee recommend to full council that;

- Representatives of the Council who sit on the Cemetery committee request a “holiday payment” for each of the three Parish Council’s annual contribution.
- The F&GP committee hold a pre budget meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 3.15pm.

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Signed..... Chairman