

Cuddington Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, NORLEY ROAD CUDDINGTON ON 9TH DECEMBER 2019, COMMENCING AT 10.30AM.

Present: - Cllr S Brooks, Cllr Chrimes, Cllr Crist and Cllr Latham.
Also present Mrs Julie Chrimes – Clerk.

- 1. Apologies:** None.
- 2. Committee Chairman.** It was **RESOLVED** to elect Cllr Brooks as Chairman of the Finance and General Purpose's committee for the remainder of the financial year.
- 3. Declarations of Interest.** Cllr Chrimes declared (a) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, under item 6; due to her relationship with one of the companies who have submitted an estimate for village maintenance.
Cllr Chrimes also declared a prejudicial interest under item 7 due to her relationship with the clerk. There were no (b) Other Disclosable Interests as required under Chapter 7 of the Localism Act 2011.
- 4. Budget monitoring 2019-2020.** Budget expenditure monitor to the end of November 2019 was reviewed and explanations were given for variances.
The Clerk had produced papers showing current bank balances, as at 2nd December 2019. The NS&I account was £20,832.16 and the Barclay accounts amounted to £42,590.68. The total of all accounts was £63,422.84.
Expenditure including project spends to the end of November 2019 was £65,471.41. The clerk confirmed she would need to source further information with regards to estimated expenditure up to 31st March 2020, and would report back at the statutory meeting in December.
- 5. Designated reserves.** Current balance's of designated reserves was £23,072.16.
- 6. Village Maintenance 2020/2021.** The clerk advised the committee that she had met with four local companies and carried out site visits with them. The four estimates received were tabled for the committee to consider. It was proposed by Cllr Crist and seconded Cllr Latham and **RESOLVED** to award Michael's Garden and Landscaping Services VM1 and Clean Safe Environments VM2, for the next financial year.
- 7. Budget 2020/2021.** The Clerk produced a draft budget for 2020/21 which was considered line by line. The committee increased the clerk's salary scale by one point to Spinal Column Points (SCP) 33 and the Nest pension contribution to 4%. Repairs and vandalism were reduced to £1,500.00, and Weaverham Road Car Park fund was reduced to £1,000.00. It was **RESOLVED** that the committee recommend to full Council that the Budget for 2020/2021 is £82,189.00.

8. Precept Requirements 2020/2021. It was proposed by Cllr Crist and seconded by Cllr Chrimes and **RESOLVED** that the finance committee recommend to full Council that £906.00 is taken from free reserves and used towards the precept requirements for 2020/2021, thus meaning the parish council will be maintaining the same Band D precept charges as 19/20. The precept request to Cheshire West and Cheshire Council will be £81,283.00. *Cllr Latham abstained.*
It was noted that the local precept charge is calculated by dividing the precept request by the parish tax base. The tax base for 20/21 is 2,678.2

9. *It was noted that the next finance meeting is scheduled for 30th March 2020, 11am.*

There being no further business the meeting closed at 1pm.

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Signed..... Chairman