HORNDEAN PARISH COUNCIL

FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT JUBILEE HALL ON 02 DECEMBER 2024 AT 6:00 PM

PRESENT: Cllr J Lay (Chairman), Cllr D Prosser, Cllr Attlee, Cllr S Freeman, Cllr A Redding.

IN ATTENDANCE: Carla Baverstock-Jones, Chief Officer (Minute Taker), Simon Ritson (RFO)

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE: One member of the public left on commencement.

F&GP 027/24/25 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllr Hodgson

F&GP 028/24/25 TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

F&GP 029/24/25 TO OPEN THE MEETING TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

None in attendance.

F&GP 030/24/25 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 28 OCTOBER 2024

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held on the 28 October 2024, be signed as a true record of the meeting. All agreed.

F&GP 031/24/25 TO NOTE THE COMMENTS SUBMITTED BY DAVID EVANS TO THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE ON THE 28 OCTOBER 2024, AND THE SUBSEQUENT RESPONSE

Duly noted.

F&GP 032/24/25 TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER THE DRAFT BUDGET 2025/2026

A draft copy of the Budget was circulated and considered. A discussion took place and it was agreed that no further adjustments were required, therefore the proposed precept rise of 7.8% to be recommended to Council.

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend to Council that the Budget be agreed and finalised.

F&GP 033/24/25 TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER THE STRATEGIC PLANNING PROPOSAL

The proposed document was circulated outlining the timeline for implementation with a public consultation in April 2025, at the Annual Parish Meeting. All agreed

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend the document in its entirety to Council for adoption.

F&GP 034/24/25 TO RECEIVE AND REVIEW THE FOLLOWING POLICIES:

- Out of Hours Working Arrangements Policy
- Filming and Recording Meetings Policy
- Child Protection Policy
- Member/Officer Protocol Policy

Copies of the policies were circulated and discussed with minor amendments being agreed.

A working party to be agreed at the next meeting of the Council to consider the amalgamation of the Child Protection Policy and the Safeguarding Policy.

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend to Council that the policies be adopted, with the exception of the Member/Officer Protocol Policy which following adjustments, will return to the next meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

F&GP 035/24/25 TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING GRANT APPLICATIONS:

- The Clanfield Centre – Communities First Wessex - £649

The application was circulated and considered; Members were not minded to award a grant to the applicant as rather confused as to the reason that other funding sources had not been explored.

Members were content to consider joint funding and for the applicant to be informed accordingly.

F&GP 036/24/25 TO NOTE THE NEXT MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE IS YET TO BE CONFIRMED

A discussion took place and the next meeting date was confirmed as being the 20 January 2025 at 6.00pm, prior to the meeting of the Planning and Public Services Committee. Duly noted.

F&GP 037/24/25 TO RESOLVE TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC AND THE PRESS, IN THE VIEW THAT PUBLICITY WOULD PREJUDICE THE PUBLIC INTEREST BY REASON OF THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS OR ARISING OUT OF THE BUSINESS ABOUT TO BE TRANSACTED. (PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960)

It was **RESOLVED** to exclude the public from the meeting. No members present.

F&GP 038/24/25 TO APPROVE THE CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THE 28 OCTOBER 2024

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held on the 28 October 2024, be signed as a true record of the meeting. All agreed.

Public meeting concluded at 19:15pm

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Chairman

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Dated