



HORNDDEAN PARISH COUNCIL

FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT JUBILEE HALL ON MONDAY 09th DECEMBER 2019 AT 7:30 PM

PRESENT: Cllr D Alexander (Chairman), Cllr Mrs. L Evans, Cllr A Forbes, Cllr J Lay

IN ATTENDANCE: Carla Baverstock-Jones, Chief Officer; Cheree Garvey, Office Manager (Minute Taker); Simon Ritson, Responsible Financial Officer.

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE: There was one member of the public present.

F&GP 040/19/20 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

All committee members were in attendance.

F&GP 041/19/20 TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest received.

F&GP 042/19/20 TO OPEN THE MEETING TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

The meeting was duly opened to members of the public.

F&GP 043/19/20 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THE 04th NOVEMBER 2019

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held on the 04th November 2019 are duly signed as a true record of the meeting.

F&GP 044/19/20 TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER THE FINAL DRAFT BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2020/2021

The RFO circulated a report to Members and various amendments were discussed. Further information has now been received in respect of the Tax Base, potential VAT liability, and cost for the removal of Ash trees, and this has been factored into the final draft budget.

It is noted that the Tax Base shows a small decrease which has a negative impact on the overall budget of £1.1K.

Following consultation with a VAT specialist it is confirmed that the Jubilee linked building construction cost is liable for VAT. However, the majority of the VAT will be exempt apart from approximately 6% which represents the floor areas with potential for business use.

The lowest quote for the removal of trees due to Ash dieback is £25K. This will need to be paid from General reserves in the current financial year.

The 2019/2020 forecast shows an underspend of £30K.

In order to balance the budget for 2020/2021 £13k will need to be drawn from the General Reserves.

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend to Council that the precept remains unchanged for the year 2020/2021 budget.

This was proposed by Cllr D Alexander and seconded by Cllr Mrs L Evans. The the vote was 3 in favour and 1 abstention.

Meeting closed at 8:10 pm

Dave Alexander
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Chairman

27 JAN 2020
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