

A meeting of the FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE, Arlesley Town Council held in the RESOURCE CENTRE, High Street, Arlesley, on Tuesday 26th November 2019 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT: Cllrs: I Dalgarno
S Hamilton
D Shelvey

T Pang
R Wenham(Chairman)
S Spoor (arrived Agenda item 5)

In attendance: Mrs Janet Bailey (Town Clerk) No members of the public were present.

19/012 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Arkle and Clark.

19/013 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

(Members of the Council are invited to disclose any personal interest or personal and pecuniary interests they may have in any items on the agenda for this meeting in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct for Members)

013.1 To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda.

- a) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests: **None received**
b) Other Interests: **None received.**

013.2 To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests.
NONE RECEIVED

013.3 To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate. A request for dispensation must be made on an individual basis.

NONE RECEIVED

19/014 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

19/015 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

To consider and approve the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on 3 September 2019.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held 3rd September 2019 be approved and be signed by the Chairman as a true record of proceedings.

19/016 Draft Budget 2020/2021 – Members to discuss and consider information contained in draft budget. V2 using data as at end Month 7. Discussion followed on all aspects of budget and amendments to be made.

Committee recommendation: that the Town Clerk implement the amendments noted resulting in 2020/21 budget of £244,000.

19/017 Projects 2020/21- Members to consider priority projects for 2020/21 and budget provision required.

Deferred to Working Party meeting.

19/018 Precept Request 2020/21 – Members to consider Precept request and note deadline for submissions 17th January 2020.

Committee recommendation: that following amendments to budget figures, Council submit a 2020/21 precept request to CBC for £244,000 generating a band D figure of 121.33 an overall reduction of 0.5% to Arlesey Town Council portion of Council Tax bill.

19/019 Ear Marked Reserves Review and Forecast - Members considered Earmarked Reserves Review and Forecast.

Committee recommendation: that Council approve the Review and Forecast and incorporate a virement of underspend of elections budget 2019/20 £2,500, at year end.

19/020 2019/20 Finance Review - Members noted detailed income and expenditure review year to date.

19/21 Resource Centre Services – Members reviewed current charges for Resource Centre services in line with internal auditor recommendation.

Committee recommendation: that Council retain current charges in place and review next financial year.

19/22 Bank Reconciliations – Members noted bank balances to date and current interest rates received. Town Clerk researching possibility of securing increased interest rates.

19/23 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ITEMS ARISING FROM THIS MEETING

There was no public participation.

Meeting closed 8.17pm