

WYTHALL PARISH COUNCIL

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

FINANCE POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday, 25th January 2018 at Council Office at 7.00.p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor D.Bibbings Chairman
Councillor Mrs.S.Baxter Vice Chairman & PC Chairman
Councillor K.Footman
Councillor Mrs.S.Hession
Councillor S.Peters
Councillor P.Rattigan
Councillor Mrs.D.Taylor
Councillor L.Turner
Miss P.A.Harrison Executive Officer

1. **APOLOGIES:** were noted and accepted from Cllr.Helen Cleaver.

2.(a) **DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS:**

None

(b) **DECLARATIONS OF OTHER DISCLOSABLE INTERESTS:**

Cllr.Mrs.Baxter	CALC/NALC	Member/Dispensation/NALC
Cllr.Footman	CALC/Executive Cttee	Member
Cllr.Peters	Wythall Village Hall	Trustee/Dispensation
Cllr.MrsBaxter)	Wythall Comm.Association	Trustee/Dispensation
Cllr Mrs.Hession)		Member/Dispensation
Cllr.Turner)		Member/Dispensation

3. **BUDGETS/PRECEPT 2018/2019:**

The Committee went through all items contained within the budget sheets which were approved with some identified amendments and, as requested by Bromsgrove District Council, the Executive Officer was instructed to advise as to a provisional indicative figure in respect of the Precept requirements in the sum of £130,532 pending final approval at Full Council on the 15th March 2018.

ACTION: EO to contact BDC as above.

4. The following items were discussed which form part of the Budget:

(a) **Hire of Village Hall:**

Cllr.Mrs.Hession queried whether £350 could be saved by using the Parish Office and not hiring the Village Hall. The Chairman responded stating that the reason for not using the Parish Office was insufficient space for visiting County and District Councillors and members of the public and the matter of Health and Safety. If there was a contentious issue there was insufficient room at the Parish Office.

The £350 also covers the possibility of the need to hire a room for an additional meeting such as Consultations.

(b) Chairman's Allowance:

Cllr.Mrs.Hession stated she would like to see the Chairman's Allowance removed resulting in a saving of £500 or at least reduced. The Chairman explained that this Allowance was paid, initially as an Honorarium to cover any expenditure a Parish Chairman may have during the twelve months term of office and was in line with Independent Remuneration Panel for Parish Councils for Parish Councillors carrying out duties outside the boundaries of the Parish.

It was agreed to recommend to Full Council that the Allowance remain but meanwhile the Executive Officer would check to ascertain whether any expenditure thereof should be accounted for to the Council.

(Last reviewed March 2017)

ACTION: Recommendation to Full Council the payment of the Allowance continue and EO to investigate the accountability of the Chairman's Allowance.

(c) Cemetery Cost Centre:

Cllr.Mrs.Hession raised a query as regards whether the Cemetery should have it's own cost centre for separate incomings/outgoings and the Chairman explained how the cost centre are set up which appeared to cover this aspect.

5. **CEMETERY FEES:**

It was agreed to request that the Cemetery Working Group, when doing their annual review of fees, to consider whether or not the Cemetery could be made open for reservations in respect of non-residents.

ACTION: Request to Cemetery Working Group as above.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING Wednesday, 7th February 2018 at 7.30 The Meeting closed at 8.45 pm.