

**MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF OTTERY ST MARY TOWN
COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE OLD CONVENT, 8 BROAD
STREET, OTTERY ST MARY ON WEDNESDAY, 16TH JANUARY 2019 AT 11.00AM**

PRESENT

Chairman	Councillor Bartlett
Committee Members	Cllrs Holmes, Dobson and Pang
Others Present	The Clerk

*F19/01/01***TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

The Deputy Mayor and Cllr Faithfull

F19/01/02

TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA AND RECEIPT OF REQUESTS FOR NEW DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS (DPIS) DISPENSATIONS FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were none

F19/01/03

IN CONSIDERATION OF THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 (PUBLICITY WOULD BE PREJUDICIAL TO THE PUBLIC INTEREST BY REASON OF THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED): TO AGREE ANY ITEMS TO BE DEALT WITH AFTER THE PUBLIC AND PRESS HAVE BEEN EXCLUDED

There were none

F19/01/04

TO CONSIDER AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO APPROVE (IF APPLICABLE) THE COUNCIL ENTERING INTO A FURTHER CONTRACT WITH DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL FOR GRASS CUTTING IN AND AROUND THE PARISH

The contract was **RECOMMENDED** for approval. The following matters were also raised:

- i. The Clerk to seek a schedule from Idverde as to when cutting/maintenance works were due to take place in order for councillors to carry out inspections following the completion of the works
- ii. With regards to the Council's other grounds maintenance contract with Idverde; the Clerk to inform Idverde that the Council was mainly happy with their work over the past year but that more work was required to ensure the flower beds were kept tidy, particularly the bed opposite the doctor's surgery
- iii. Cllrs Dobson and Holmes would approach Sainsburys re the area of land on the corner, adjacent to the store which required urgent tidying up and to investigate the idea of the Council taking on the work at an agreed fee
- iv. Ownership of the footpath between Grandisson Way and Slade Road to be investigated as residents regularly complained about its condition. The Clerk to check Land Registry records and whether it was a public footpath or maintainable highway in order to ascertain the responsible owner/authority
- v. It was **RECOMMENDED** that EDDC be approached regarding grass cutting obligations and potential sharing of costs for maintenance work at the junction of Kennaway Road and to then approach Idverde for an idea as to their charges

F19/01/05

TO CONSIDER AN INCREASE IN CEMETERY FEES AND OTHER ASSOCIATED CEMETERY COSTS

It was **RECOMMENDED** that the fees remain unchanged but it was agreed that any supplemental Transfer of Exclusive Rights of Burial documents, be charged at £25 each

Mayor's Initials.....

F19/01/06

TO CONSIDER AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE EARMARKED RESERVES AND THE COUNCIL'S CURRENT POLICY DOCUMENT RELATING THERETO

The following earmarked reserves were **RECOMMENDED** for approval:-

Property Maintenance	£93,000
New Footbridge	£20,000
Regeneration	£3000
Tipton St John Playing Field Equipment	£4000
Pensioner's Party	£605
New Website	£5,000
TOTAL	£125,605

The Council's Policy for earmarked reserves was **RECOMMENDED** for approval

F19/01/07

TO CONSIDER:-

- **INFORMATION FROM EDDC (TO ENABLE LOCAL COUNCIL TAX TO BE CALCULATED)**
- **A DRAFT BUDGET AND**
- **TO RECOMMEND A PRECEPT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2019-2020**

The draft budget which was circulated to members was **RECOMMENDED** for approval. After much discussion it was also **RECOMMENDED** that the precept for 2019/20 should be £138,561.00

F19/01/08

S106/CIL MONIES UPDATE

It was agreed that the Clerk should seek an update from Sulina Tallack –EDDC Officer's as to the progress of the S106 monies available to the Council and the potential parking provision available at the former factory site

F19/01/09

RECONSIDERATION OF ANY OUTSTANDING GRANT APPLICATIONS AND TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ACCORDINGLY

It was **RECOMMENDED** that the Silver Band be awarded £1000 grant, in response to the grant application form they had submitted before Christmas

F19/01/10

TO RECEIVE COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS RELATING TO FINANCE

There were none

F19/01/11

TO CONFIRM THE DATES OF THE NEXT FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

TBC

Meeting Closed at 11.25am

Mayor's signature: Date:.....

Mayor's Initials.....

