

Minutes of a Meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held in the William Blake Memorial Hall on Monday 2nd October 2017 when the following business was conducted:

PRESENT Cllr Mr Courtney Salway (Chairman) Cllrs D Williams, C Bragg, N Wakely and the Parish Clerk Kate Alford

FGP13.1 To receive any apologies for non-attendance

Cllrs S Beaufoy & B Chitty

FGP13.2 To receive any declarations of interest

Cllr C Salway asked for his connections to both Mere Lynches and the Methodist Church to be noted.
 Cllr N Wakely asked for his connections to Mere Lynches to be noted.

FGP13.3 To receive and approve the Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on Monday 5th June 2017

The minutes of Monday 5th June were received, agreed and signed off as a correct representation of the meeting.

FGP13.4 Matters for report purposes only

- (1) Review the Council's current charges in respect of the Cemetery, Allotments and any other ancillary charges.**

Ongoing. The last time the charges were reviewed is thought to be over 5 years ago. A list of the set of charges and rents to be collated and sent out to all Cllrs to progress this review.

- (2) To consider a Grant Application from the Carnival Club**

Granted.

- (3) To consider a Grant Application from the Methodist Club**

Granted.

- (4) To consider a Grant Application from the Goldies Sing & Smile UK**

Granted.

FGP13.5 Resolutions

- (1) Resolve to review income and spending year to date and to agree current figures meet with expectation.**

This was reviewed & discussed by the members present. Income and spending agreed to be in line with the current expectation.

- (2) To resolve to consider a Grant Application from Mere Lynches for £200.**

Resolved to Grant £200 to Mere Lynches Charity.

(3) To consider a Grant application from South Petherton Scouts for £500

Resolved to Grant £500 to South Petherton Scouts.

(4) To resolve to consider a budget for 2018/19 & to ask for priorities and projects from the Parish Council.

Ideas requested from the F&GP committee and Parish Council to suggest to put forward for the budget for next year. Ideas/requests to be submitted in time for the November F&GP Meeting.

(5) To resolve to set up a review of earmarked reserves (EMR) and to produce a report for the next F&GP meeting.

ClIr Salway agreed to produce a report for the next meeting of current EMR.

FGP13.6 Other Matters referred to the Clerk

- (1) Queries received from Grant Thornton in respect of the Annual Accounts
Clerk dealing with this.
- (2) To consider staffing levels to support the Parish Council.
No change needed at the current time – Clerk will raise issue if any concerns.
- (3) Bath Building Society account
Some changes may be needed to be made to the BBS account – awaiting information from BBS
- (4) Request to utilise and administrator to support the SPCPG
Raised in the Business Committee and passed through to Parish Council.
- (5) Damage to Car Park Wall – insurance claim.
Nippy Bus have now made contact through their insurers and Clerk will progress.

FGP13.7 Date Time & Place of next Meeting – Monday 6th November 2017, 6.30pm at The William Blake Memorial Hall, South Petherton.