

Minutes of a Meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held via Zoom on Monday 7th December 2020 when the following business was conducted:

- PRESENT** Cllrs C Salway, N Wakely, C Bragg & B Chitty and the Parish Clerks K Alford & R Swift
3 members of the public were in attendance
- F&GP3.1 To receive any apologies for non-attendance**
Cllr New
- F&GP3.2 To receive any declarations of interest**
None
- F&GP3.3 To receive and approve the Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on Monday 5th October 2020**
Minutes were received & approved.
Proposed Cllr Salway, seconded Cllr Chitty, all in favour.
- F&GP3.4 Matters for report purposes only**
- To note the External Audit Conclusion & report for 2019/20
Noted
 - To note the draft Internal Audit dated 30th October 2020
Clerk to write a report on the recommendations and actions to be taken & circulate to members.
- F&GP3.5 Resolutions**
- (1) To resolve to review income and spending and agree that current figures meet with expectation to 31st November 2020**
Resolved to agree that accounts met with expectations
Proposed Cllr Chitty, seconded Cllr Salway, all in favour
 - (2) To resolve to review Ear Marked Reserves and make any changes necessary to their allocation.**
Resolved for EMRs to be discussed more fully at budget working meeting later in December, but agreed for separate EMRs for CIL & Projects for 2021/22 to be created.
Proposed Cllr Chitty, seconded Cllr Salway, all in favour
 - (3) To resolve to consider the draft budget for 2020/21 and to suggest any changes to this in preparation to finalise this in January 2021.**
Resolve for full council to meet later in December to fully discuss the budget for 2021/22 in order to thoroughly prepare a budget to take to, and agree at, the January 2021 meeting.
Proposed Cllr Chitty, seconded Cllr Bragg, all in favour.
 - (4) To resolve to formally instruct the Parish Council solicitors to register the Pitway Allotment land and the Recreation Ground with the Land Registry.**
Resolved to instruct the Parish solicitors to start proceedings to register both areas of land with the Land Registry.
Proposed Cllr Bragg, seconded Cllr Wakely, all in favour.
 - (5) To resolve to instruct WT & RG Jones to continue with the pitch maintenance at the Recreation Ground until end of Autumn 2021 as per their quotation. To be funded from S106 funds.**
Resolved to instruct WT & RG Jones to carry out pitch maintenance as per their quotation.
Proposed Cllr Salway, seconded Cllr Chitty, all in favour
 - (6) To consider a grant to the South Petherton Cricket Club of £1164.74.**
Resolved to contact the Cricket Club to ask for further information regarding the grant, in particular clarification of what period the funding covers and justification of the request.
Proposed Cllr Salway, seconded Cllr Bragg, all in favour.
- F&GP3.6 Other Matters referred to the Clerk**
Councillors have received a letter from a member of the public regarding budgets.

