

WHITNASH TOWN COUNCIL

FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 11th January 2018 at 7.00 p.m. in the Whitnash Town Council office, Franklin Road, Whitnash.

PRESENT: Councillors: G Cancilla – Chairman
A Barton
B Franklin
T Heath
S McFadden
D Sage
T Shepherd
B Smart
R Sparkes

Town Clerk: Jenny Mason

In attendance: Finance Assistant – Kerry Samperi

47/18 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND DEPUTY

Cllr Cancilla was elected as Chairman for the ensuing year and Cllr Heath was elected as Deputy Chairman.

Cllr Sparkes abstained from voting for the election of the Chairman.

Cllr Smart did not vote on either of the elections as he is not a member of this committee.

48/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Short. Apologies were accepted.

49/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest at the start of the meeting.

50/18 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meetings held on the 7th December 2017 as circulated were approved and signed as a true record.

51/18 MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THOSE MINUTES

33/17 Website – email received from Cllr Margrave on 10th January 2018 regarding update on website from Pixel Studios will be added to the March

agenda.

52/18 APPROVE PRECEPT FOR 2018 – 2019

The proposed precept for 2018 -2019 was sent to all Members.
An amendment was made to the Hall and Playing Fields precept to include an additional £400 for treatment of the Japanese Knot weed. An amendment was also made to the Finance and General Purposes precept to increase the grant funding to £2300.00.
These increases equate to a 10.3% increase to the precept and the Band D charge for 2018 – 2019 will be £57.52.

53/18 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT

The income and expenditure report was forwarded to all Members.
Currently the only overspend is the VAT advice as there was no budget for this expenditure.

54/18 REVIEW GRANT AID POLICY

The grant aid policy was reviewed.
Amendments were made to the application process and the request for applications the request for certified accounts for a period of two financial years prior to the date of the application was removed. Members proposed that in future all grant applications are signed by a Town Councillor who supports the grant application. This Councillor who signs the grant application should not be involved in any way with the organisation requesting the grant. All applicants should still complete the Accounts Summary Form and submit a copy of their latest bank account.

55/18 CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter received from Whitnash Twinning Association was read and noted.
Cllrs Cancilla, Heath, Smart and Sparkes declared an interest in this item as Members of the Twinning Association.

56/18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on 22nd March 2018 at 7.00 p.m.
There being no further business the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed.

SIGNED DATE