WHITNASH TOWN COUNCIL

FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the **remote** meeting held on Thursday, 19th November 2020 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors: T Heath – Chairman

A Barton

Mrs L Burkinshaw

G Cancilla B Colledge B Franklin R Margrave R Sparkes

Town Clerk: Jenny Mason

In attendance: Kerry Samperi – Finance Assistant

27/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

28/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Sparkes declared an interest as a Member of the Whitnash Sports and Social Club.

29/20 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meetings held on 17th September 2020 as circulated were approved and will be signed as a true record when face to face meetings are held.

30/20 MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THOSE MINUTES

20/20 Banking – we have started to use online banking, but not sure of the payment limits yet. Kerry will contact the bank to find out. The telepay facility will be kept for the time being to ensure payments can be made for the new Civic Centre and Library.

31/20 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT

The income and expenditure report as at 10th November 2020 was emailed to Members.

32/20 CIVIC CENTRE AND LIBRARY INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT

The Civic Centre and Library income and expenditure report as at 10th November 2020 was emailed to Members.

33/20 CIVIC CENTRE FINANCE

Kerr drew attention to the contingency of £19 000 for the new Civic Centre and Library.

34/20 Equality, Diversity and Disability Policy

A draft Equality, Diversity and Disability Policy was emailed to Members. It was proposed that policy is approved and will be adopted at the Town Council meeting in January 2021.

35/20 PRECEPT 2021 – 2022

Kerry sent 'draft' precepts to the Chairman of Finance and Hall and Playing Fields indicating where savings could be made. We have not received the tax base from Warwick District Council yet. Hopefully the tax base is received before the precept meeting in December. If not, it will provisionally be based on last year's tax base. Virements can only be done in March before the financial year end.

There will be three separate budgets as was the case last year – Finance and General Purposes, Hall and Playing Fields and Civic Centre and Library. The 2021 – 2021 Civic Centre and Library precept has funding allocated for Wi-Fi installation. Any other costs will need to be included in the 2021 – 2022 precept. Please can these requests be forwarded to Kerry before Tuesday, 24th November 2020 to be included in the precept for the meeting on 3rd December 2020.

36/20 CORRESPONDENCE

1. Thank you letter from Whitnash Youth Club for grant received and read at the meeting.

37/20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING
The next meeting will be held on 3 rd December 2020 at 6.30 p.m.
There being no further business the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed.
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