

St Martins Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the St Martins Finance Committee held on Thursday 26th January 2017 at 7.00 p.m. in the St Martins Community Centre, St Martins.

PRESENT: Cllrs G. Fryer, J. Lewis, G. Pennington, S. Schofield and J. Stevens.

Also in attendance: the Parish Clerk.

Action

016/01/17.F Election of Chairman

Proposed: Cllr G. Pennington

Seconded: Cllr S. Schofield

Resolved: that Cllr J. Stevens is appointed Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Cllr J. Stevens thanked Members for appointing him as Chairman.

017/01/17.F Apologies for Absence

All Members were present.

018/01/17.F Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

Cllr's S. Schofield and J. Stevens declared a non-financial interest in both St Martins Village Life and the Ifton Colliery Commemorative Project.

RESOLVED to note that no other Disclosable Pecuniary interests were received on any item included on the agenda in accordance with Sections 50-52, Local Government Act 2000 and The Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) (England) Act 2001 and no applications for dispensations.

019/01/17.F Minutes

Proposed: Cllr G. Fryer

Seconded: Cllr G. Pennington

Resolved: that the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on Thursday 21st January 2017, having been previously circulated be confirmed as a correct record, signed by the Chairman and adopted.

Chairman

020/01/17.F Website

Members were asked to consider a request from the parish clerk for a reimbursement towards extra hours incurred in setting up the new website. The Parish Clerk explained that although the Vision ICT website was set up he had extra work to do at the start to load the relevant data and including a visit to meet representatives from Vision ICT. He estimated this at 20 hours.

Action**Proposed:** Cllr S. Schofield **Seconded:** Cllr J. Lewis**Resolved:** to recommend to Council a reimbursement of 20 hours towards extra hours incurred in setting up the new website.

Parish Clerk

021/01/17.F Accounts

Members reviewed the following;

- Accounts for the first 9 months of the financial year.
- Projected Income/Expenditure for the financial year ending 31st March.
- Budget for the financial year starting 1st April 2016/17. The Chairman had carried out a considerable amount of work on these figures which he presented to Members. Cllr's G. Pennington and S. Schofield had also assisted on this. He explained how the £75,000 from the Wrekin Housing Trust had been allocated to various headings under Ear Marked reserves. A more detailed breakdown of grounds maintenance would be included in next year's accounts along with discussions with Stans Superstore on the next three year lease of the field and for the street lighting committee to consider a project to upgrade street lights to LED in selected areas of the village. The Chairman added that his projection for surplus funds at the 31st March 2017 was around £2,500 should be considered for a first step towards a budget for devolved services.

022/01/17.F Budget/Precept 2017/18

The Parish Clerk explained that Shropshire Council had stated that in order to show a 0% increase in the Band D Council Tax charge on the 2017/18 Council Tax Demand Notices the parish council precept requirement for 2017/18 would need to be £50,199 compared to £49,189 requested in 2016/17. This was due to the taxbase increasing between 2016/17 and 2017/18 by 2.05%. After discussion it was;

Proposed: Cllr G. Pennington **Seconded:** Cllr G. Fryer**Resolved:** with 4 votes for and 1 vote against to recommend to Council the following budget and precept for 2017/2018.**Budget: £55,691 Precept: £50,199**

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20.15 p.m.

Signed

(Chairman)

Date

Chairman