

St Martins Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the St Martins Finance Committee held on Thursday 30th January 2020 at 7.00 p.m. in the St Martins Centre, St Martins.

PRESENT: Cllrs G. Fryer, J. Hodgson, G. Pennington, J. Stevens and H. Williams.
Also in attendance: the Parish Clerk.

Action

271/01/20.F Election of Chairman

Proposed: Cllr H. Williams **Seconded:** Cllr G. Fryer

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

Cllr J. Stevens thanked Members for appointing him as Chairman. He also thanked the Parish Clerk for his assistance on all financial matters during his recent illness.

272/01/20.F Apologies for Absence

An apology had been received from our Locum Clerk Lydia Bardsley.

273/01/20.F Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

RESOLVED to note that no 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.

274/01/20.F Minutes

Proposed: Cllr H. Williams **Seconded:** Cllr G. Pennington

Resolved: with one abstention and subject to a number of date changes that the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on Thursday 24th January 2019, having been previously circulated be confirmed as a correct record, signed by the Chairman and adopted.

Chairman

275/01/20.F Accounts/Budget

Members reviewed the following;

- Accounts for the first 9 months of the financial year.
- Projected Income/Expenditure for the financial year ending 31st March 2020.

The Chairman reported that based on these current projections the budget will be underspent by around £8000. He then went through the main points of these figures.

Resolved: that these be noted.

276/01/20.F Budget 2020/21

The Chairman had carried out a considerable amount of work on these figures which he presented to Members. He then explained his proposals for the budget for 2020/21 going through each cost centre. Based on these proposals there would be a surplus of around £5000 for 2020/21.

Proposed: Cllr G. Fryer **Seconded:** Cllr H. Williams

Resolved: **to recommend to Council a budget for 2020/21 of £50,695.**

Action

Parish Clerk

277/01/20.F Precept 2018/19

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 2020/21 Council Tax Demand Notices the parish council precept requirement for 2020/21 would need to be £54,554 compared to £53,097 requested in 2019/20. This was due to the taxbase increasing between 2018/19 and 2019/20. After discussion it was;

Proposed: Cllr H. Williams **Seconded** Cllr G. Pennington

Resolved: **to recommend to Council a precept for 2020/21 of £54,554.**

Parish Clerk

278/01/20.F Ear Marked Reserves (EMR)

The Chairman explained that we need to carry out a review of all EMR current totals to confirm current balances following expenditure over the current and past years. We also need to check that our handling of expenditure from all EMR codes is correctly reflected in RBS accounts package output.

We also need to claim and get transferred from Shropshire Council to the Parish Council the identified section 106 money for the development of the Recreation Partnership project and the Irvine Gardens S106 money as now offered by Nick Scott

This should be done once 2020 CIL Neighbourhood payment is confirmed and end of year accounts are complete for financial year 2019/20.

Resolved that the Parish Clerk and the Chair of Finance carry out a full review of all Ear Marked Reserves, including CIL money, as soon as possible after the year end accounts and report on them to a Full Council meeting by no later than the 30th June.

Parish Clerk & Chairman

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 19.36 p.m.

Signed Date
(Chairman)

Chairman