

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of Finance Committee meeting held on Monday 23rd January 2017

Present: Councillor Mrs. M Whitehead, (Chair)

Councillors, T Threlfall, Mrs. S Delany, K McKay, T Fiddler, Mrs. N Griffiths, Mrs. J Cartmell, Mrs. P Holt, L Rigby, P Walton, St J Greenhough and Mrs. L Willis.

1) To receive declarations from anyone (public or councillors) if they propose to record the meeting (film or audio) under the Openness of the Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014.

There were no declarations.

2) Apologies:

None

3) To record Declaration of interest from members in any item to be discussed.

Councillor Mrs. J Cartmell declared a pecuniary interest in item 6 – Open Spaces contracts.

4) To review the salaries of the Administrative staff.

The Clerk left the room

It was resolved the Clerk's and Committee Clerk's salaries should be increase by 1% with effect from 01/04/17, as per the agreement made by NALC.

The Clerk returned.

5) To Review the Open Spaces contracts.

Councillor Mrs. J Cartmell left the room.

It was reported that if the Council wished to limit the amount of the Precept budget to a reasonable amount it would not be able to meet the proposed contract prices suggested by the Contractors.

Grass cutting - It was resolved to offer the Contractor a 1% increase, plus £480 for extra cutting of the football pitches, on the contract price for 2016/17.

Planting out and Borders - It was resolved to offer the Contractor a 1% increase on the contract price for 2016/17.

Councillor Mrs. J Cartmell returned.

6) To agree the Precept Budget, including Open Spaces expenditure, for 2017-18

It was resolved to make a donation of £500 to Rural Splash in 2017/18.

It was resolved to set a Precept budget of £102,795 (2% increase) for the 2017-18

7) To consider how to allocate the payment from FBC in respect of the Council Tax Reduction Scheme (CTRS).

The Clerk reported that the Payment would be £3,163 for 2017/18.

It was resolved to allocate £1,000 to a new Depreciation fund and £2,138 to a new CCTV fund.

8) To consider any Capital expenditure proposals for 2017-2018

It was resolved to set up a new CCTV fund and reallocate the Tom Croft car park fund to a new Depreciation fund.

9) To consider the Council's banking procedure.

The Clerk reported that the interest rates on the savings accounts have been considerably reduced.

It was resolved to meet with a representative from Hargreaves Hale to review the council's procedures for the allocation of the reserves.

- 10) **To review the proposed Funding Strategy for the LCC pensions scheme**
The proposals were noted.

Signed.....T Threlfall, Chairman.....

Date.....13/02/17.....