

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of Finance Committee meeting held on Monday 21st November 2016

Present: Councillor Mrs. M Whitehead, (Chair)

Councillors, T Threlfall, Mrs. S Delany, T Fiddler, Mrs. N Griffiths, Mrs. J Cartmell,
Mrs. P Holt, 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:**

K McKay (away on business)

It was resolved that the reason for absence should be accepted.

No apologies were received from Councillors L Rigby and P. Walton.

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

Councillor T Fiddler declared an interest in the Cricket Club.

All councillors, as landlords, declared an interest in all the Council's properties.

- 4) To agree the Precept Budget, including Open Spaces expenditure, for 2016-17**

The Precept budget for 2017/18, excluding the Grass cutting and maintaining borders contracts, was agreed.

It was resolved to defer the remainder of the budget until after the Contract prices have been agreed.

- 5) To consider how to allocate the payment from FBC in respect of the Council Tax Reduction Scheme (CTRS), if granted.**

The Clerk reported that CTRS was in respect of the adjustment made to the tax base as a result of the Government changing the payment method for people entitled to rate rebates. Previously the Government paid for the rebates but now they are treated as a discount and therefore this means that less money will be collected in rates. The CTRS is designed to offset this shortfall, but there is no guarantee that it will be paid in future years.

It was resolved to defer the allocation of this grant until the Budget has been set.

- 6) To consider any Capital expenditure proposals for 2016-2017**

No capital expenditure was recommended.

- 7) To consider appointing the Internal Auditor for 2016/17 accounts.**

It was resolved to accept Mrs. M Taylor as the Internal Auditor for the 2016/17 accounts.

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

Date.....12/12/16.....