

## Minutes of Finance Committee meeting held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019

**Present:** Councillor, Mrs. M Whitehead (Chair)  
 Councillors, T Threlfall, St J Greenhough, Mrs. S Delany, K McKay, T Fiddler, Mrs. N Griffiths, , Mrs. L Willis. L Rigby, and Mrs. J Cartmell.

**1) Apologies:**

Councillor Mrs. P Holt, (Away)  
 It was resolved that the reason for absence should be accepted.  
 Councillor P Walton did not attend the meeting.

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

Councillor Mrs. J Cartmell declared a pecuniary interest in items 4 and 5.

**3) To review the salaries of the Administrative staff.**

It was resolved that the Clerk and the Committee Clerk should receive a 1% increase in their salary.

It was further resolved that the Committee Clerk should move up 1 step on his scale.

Both changes should take effect from 01/04/19.

*Cllr. Mrs. J Cartmell left the room.*

**4) To review the Open Spaces contracts.**

It was resolved that all 3 contractors should be offered a 3 year contract(s), effective from 01/04/19, with consideration being given to cost of living increases on an annual basis.

It was further resolved that the following increases should be applied to the Contract values, effective from 01/04/19.

- Watering – an increase of £100
- Grass cutting – an increase of £100
- Borders – an increase of £42.

**5) To agree the Precept Budget, including Open Spaces expenditure, for 2019-20**

It was resolved to make a donation of £250 to Rural Splash in 2019/20, under Section 137.

It was resolved to set a Precept budget of £103,749 (0% increase) for the 2019-20 Precept budget.

*Cllr. Mrs. J Cartmell returned to the room.*

**6) To consider any Capital expenditure proposals for 2018-2019**

It was resolved to consider the following capital expenditure projects:-

Install CCTV cameras in the Memorial Park and on Lytham road, near the Cenotaph – Estimated cost of £8,225, to be paid for from the Robert Rawstorne trust fund.

To purchase additional Xmas tree lights.

To replace some of the bushes in the Open Spaces borders. - Referred to Open Spaces for a plan to be produced.

**7) To consider appointing Mrs. Taylor as the Internal Auditor for the 2018/19 Accounts**

It was resolved that Mrs. Taylor should be appointed the Internal Auditor for 2018/19 accounts

**8) Banking Procedures**

The Clerk reported that he had received an email from Santander Business unit offering banking facilities for the Council's Current and Savings accounts and for the Robert

Rawstone Trust fund accounts. Whilst the banking facilities would offer on-line payments of Invoices the charges involved would not merit changing banks.

However, the Interest rate offered for the Robert Rawstone Trust were far better than Natwest.

It was resolved that the Clerk should progress the moving of the Robert Rawstone trust fund accounts to Santander.

The Clerk agreed to discuss with Natwest the facility to pay invoices on-line.

It was resolved that a vote thanks should go the Clerk for the excellent presentation of the Accounts.

**Signed.....Mrs. M Whitehead, Chairman.....**

**Date...04/02/19.....**