

WYMONDHAM TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL
PURPOSES COMMITTEE held on 18th December 2012
in the Fairland Hall commencing at 7.30pm

Present: M J Gibbins (Chairman)
J Andrews
C Foulger (Substitute for G Jeffery)
DM Hockaday

Also Present: Cllrs. Gardiner & Elias
1 member of the public.

- F40/12 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr. Jeffery
- F41/12 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Cllr. Hockaday – Prejudicial interest in respect of any items relating to Wymondham Tennis Club and a Personal interest in any item relating to Ketts Park.
- F42/12 ITEMS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC Cllr. Gardiner commented on the amounts paid by Wymondham Town Football club and by Wymondham Rugby Club. Clerk advised that the football club is governed by their lease and the Rugby Club is pitch hire.
- F43/12 MINUTES OF MEETING On the proposition of Cllr. Gibbins and seconded by Cllr Andrews it was resolved to approve the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes committee meeting held on 16th October 2012 as a correct record.
- F44//12 MATTERS ARISING
F35/12 PRIORY BOWLS GREEN Clerk confirmed that new fence panels have been installed.
F37/12 GRANT APPICATION FORMS Clerk confirmed that forms have been amended.
- F45/12 INTERNAL AUDITORS
a. Upon the proposition of Cllr. Gibbins and seconded by Cllr. Foulger it was unanimously resolved to appoint Larking Gowan as the Council's internal Auditors for the 2013/14 financial year.
b. Letter from Larking Gowan in respect of their interim audit for the 2012/13 financial year as attached to the minutes was noted.
- F46/12 PORTABLE HEARING LOOP Clerk presented paper attached to the agenda in respect of the Council's responsibility under the Equality Act outlining the need to purchase a portable hearing loop. After discussion upon the proposition of Cllr. Gibbins and seconded by Cllr. Hockaday it was unanimously agreed to purchase an infrared system from Action for Hearing at a cost of £2133.13.
- F47/12 COMMITTEE BUDGET 2013/14 Cllr. Gibbins presented budget as attached to the agenda and explained some of the variations compared to the present year. Upon the proposition of Cllr/ Gibbins and seconded by Cllr. Andrews it was unanimously agreed to recommend a budget of £233,659.

F48/12 REVENUE & CAPITAL BUDGET – PRECEPT) 2013/14 Cllr. Gibbins presented the budget requested by the Leisure & Environment Committee of £152,565 which when added to the agreed Finance & General Purposes budget of £233,659 results in an overall Council budget of £386,224 for the 2013/14 financial year. Following changes introduced by Central Government to Council Tax benefit the tax base on which the precept is based has been reduced from 5178 dwelling to 4684 dwellings. Therefore 4684 dwellings on the average Band D amount of £73.40 (which is the same amount as the present year) will raise £343,805 which when added to the transitional grant of £42,419 will result in a budget of £386,224.

Upon the proposition of Cllr. Gibbins and seconded by Cllr. Foulger it was unanimously resolved to recommend a budget of £386,224 for the 2013/14 financial year which incorporates a precept of £343,805 resulting in a 0% Band D Council Tax increase.

[The meeting closed at 20.00 pm]

DATED this day of2013

SIGNED (Chairman)