

WYMONDHAM TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL
PURPOSES COMMITTEE held on Tuesday 19th December 2017
in the Council Chamber commencing at 7.00 pm

Present:

Cllrs J Mooney – Chairman.
P Broome (substitute for I Flatt)
K Hurn
A Holden
J Hornby

Also Present

Cllrs. Longhurst & Nuri
0 Member (s) of the public

- F44/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllr. Flatt.
- F45/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None.
- F46/17 MINUTES OF MEETING On the proposition of Cllr. Broome and seconded by Cllr. Holden it was resolved to approve the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on 17th October 2017 as a correct record.
- F47/17 PROGRESS UPDATES – None
- F48/17 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION None
- F49/17 EQUIPMENT Cllr. Mooney introduced the paper prepared by the Clerk outlining the Council's forthcoming grounds care equipment requirements.
- Proposal 1 – Upon the proposition of Cllr. Mooney & seconded by Cllr. Hurn it was unanimously resolved to purchase a 85hp tractor unit and cutting deck costing £58,000 (option 1) *In place of lease agreed in minute F43/17.*
- Proposal 2 – Upon the proposition of Cllr. J Hornby & seconded by Cllr. Broome it was unanimously resolved to purchase a small cutting deck costing £1980 (option 1)
- Proposal 3 – Upon the proposition of Cllr. Holden & seconded by Cllr. Broome it was unanimously resolved to purchase a Grass mower costing £11,600 (option 3)
- F50/17 GRANT APPLICATION Upon the proposition of Cllr. Broome and seconded by Cllr. Hurn it was unanimously resolved to offer a grant of £450 to the Slow Theatre Company towards the cost of curtains costing £1047.
- F51/17 EXTERNAL AUDITORS The appointment of PKF Littlejohn LLP was noted.
- F52/17 EXCLUSION PRESS & PUBLIC
- On the proposition of Cllr. Mooney and seconded by Cllr Holden resolution by the Council under the provisions of Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admissions to

meetings) Act 1960 to exclude Press and the Public from the meeting of Wymondham Town Council in order to discuss matters where publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted

F53/16 2018/19 DRAFT FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE BUDGET

Cllr. Mooney outlined the budget that had been prepared for the 2018/19 financial year. After discussion upon the resolution of Cllr. Mooney and seconded by Cllr. Broome was unanimously resolved to recommend a budget of £281,488.

F54/16 2018/19 DRAFT COUNCIL BUDGET

Cllr. Mooney outlined the proposed full budget for the 2018/19 year being an amalgamation of the budgets recommended by the Leisure & Environment Committee (£174,369) and the Finance & General Purposes Committee (£281,488). Clerk then gave an explanation as to how the budget is constructed and advised that the transitional grant from South Norfolk Council had been reduced from £12,920 to £6,577. With increasing costs including a proposed nationally agreed 2% salary rise and the need to continue to build earmarked reserves for a new Cemetery and New Office Build & Toilets it was considered prudent to recommend an overall increase of 4%.

After further discussion upon the proposition of Cllr. Holden and seconded by Cllr. Hurn it was resolved to recommend a budget of £455,857 which after receipt of the £6,577 transitional grant leaves a precept requirement of £449,280 resulting in a Band D charge increase of £3.08 pa from £77.12pa. to £80.20pa.

[The meeting closed at 19.20 pm]

DATED this day of2018

SIGNED (Chairman)