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Parish Clerk: Mr. A. Funnell

Date of issue: 6 December 2019

To: Members of the Finance and General Purposes Committee

You are hereby summoned to attend the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee to be held on THURSDAY, 12 DECEMBER 2019 at the KING ENDWARD HALL, LINDFIELD at 8.00 p.m. to transact the following business:

Welcome and emergency announcements.

AGENDA

- 1. To receive and accept apologies and reasons for absence.
- 2. To receive Declarations of Interest by Members in respect of any Item on the Agenda.

 The disclosure must include the nature of the interest. If an interest becomes apparent to a member during the course of the meeting, that has not been disclosed under this item, the member must immediately disclose it.
- 3. Questions/comments from members of the public. (This will be limited to a maximum of 15 minutes. In accordance with Standing Orders 3 (e)-(g) each member of the public is entitled to speak once only in respect of business itemised on the agenda and shall not speak for more than 3 minutes).
- 4. To confirm and sign the Minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 7 November 2019 (if available).
- 5. Chairman's announcements.
- Action List.
- 7. Internal Audit To note report of internal audit carried out on 27.11.19.
- 8. Budget 2019/20 (budget progress reports to 30.11.19 (if available)
 - i) Finance and General Purposes Committee to review payments made to 30.11.19.
 - ii) Analysis of Administration Budget to 30.11.19.
 - iii) Overall Council Budget 2019 / 20: to review expenditure to 30.11.19 to include:
 - Environment and Amenities Committee budget.
 - Planning and Traffic Committee budget.
 - Reserves.
- 9. Budget 2020/21 Update.
 - To consider latest budget recommendations of the Administration Sub Committee: spreadsheet.
 - b) To consider latest Finance and General Purposes Committee budget, including Lindfield Parish Directory and Year Book.
 - c) To receive and consider the budget recommendations of the Environment and Amenities Committee.
 - d) To receive and consider the budget recommendations of the Planning and Traffic Committee.
 - e) Recommend a budget for 2020/21 to Full Council.
- 10. Matters arising after the preparation of this Agenda, which the Chairman agrees to take as urgent. Such matters will be for noting or deferral to a future meeting only.

Signed

Andrew Junnell

Andrew Funnell Clerk to the Council

c.c. All other Parish Councillors

Cllr. Mr. A. Lea - WSCC and MSDC

Cllr. Mr. J Ash-Edwards - MSDC

Cllr. Mrs. A. Lea - MSDC

Blue - completed or moved on and will be deleted after next meeting of relevant committee. Green = update. Grey background = confidential items. Violet = long term action. Red - priority

COUNCIL / COMMITTEE	MINUTE REF	MEETING DATE	SUBJECT	ACTION AGREED	WHO	TARGET DATE	DATE DONE	NOTES
F&GP	467.1	07.03.19	Barclays Bank	Implement online payment process	RFO	asap		Online payment has been made.
F&GP	50.1	05.09.19	Van	Clerk to eplore the option of purchasing a hybrid van	Clerk/WB	budget 2020/21		No longer being considered in 2020/21 budget
F&GP	55.1	05.09.19	Village Directory & Year Book	 Accept quote for delivering diaries Write letter to volunteers 	Clerk	asap	25-Nov-19	Distributon company has been selected. Letter thanking volunteers will be sent once distribution company has collected the directories for delivery.
F&GP	71.1	07.11.19	Budget 2020/21	Recommend budget committee chairman had suggest to Full Council	Clerk	14-Nov-19	14-Nov-19	Completed
F&GP	74.1	07.11.19	Standing Orders and Financial Regualtions	Recommend amendments to Full Council	Clerk	14-Nov-19	14-Nov-19	Completed
F&GP	77.1	07.11.19	Business Plan	Agree to setting up Working Group	Clerk	asap	07-Nov-19	Completed
F&GP	78.1	07.11.19	Social Media	Update	Clerk		01-Dec-19	Facebook pages is now up and running.
F&GP	79.1	07.11.19	Castle Water	See if a reduced one off payment can be made to wipe of calcualtion error.	RFO			Castle Water are not willing to offer a reduced one off payement.

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								aft Administ	tration Budget	2020/2021			
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		Previous Year Spend 2018/2019	Current Budget 2019/2020	Current Year Spend to 30 Sep 2019	Estimated Spend to Year End March 2020	Estimated Spend Compared to Budget 2019/2020	Proposed Budget Spend 2020/2021		S.137 Spend	Comments 2019/2020	Comments 2020/2021		
1a	Administration Salaries (inc. Administration charges & Village Orderly Salary for 2018/2019)	54,765.26	66,000.00	39,281.30	67,744.70	1,744.70	70,500.00	Increase	Estima	ated over spend due to April 2019 salary increases.	Unison is arguing a 10% pay rise (unlikely to be agreed?); NJC scales are still to be agreed; Assume 4% wef 1 April 2020? Consideration to be given towards Deputy Clerk Cilca qualification		
1b	Additional Hours	3,111.07	3,000.00	321.16	642.32	- 2,357.68	700.00	Reduce	Financ	ce software still to be loaded	Deputy Clerk Cilca training additional hours?		
2	NIC paid by Parish Council (incl Village Orderly for 2018/2019)	4,146.66	5,000.00	2,736.82	4,703.27	- 296.73	4,900.00	Reduce	To inc	clude Village Orderly	Reliant upon Budget heading 1a outcome		
3	Pension paid by Parish Council (incl Village Orderly for 2018/2019)	9,246.22	11,000.00	6,609.41	12,302.75	1,302.75	12,800.00	Increase	To incl	lude Village Orderly	Reliant upon Budget heading 1a outcome		
4	Insurance	1,636.44	2,500.00	1,705.44	1,705.44	- 794.56	2,500.00	Maintain	include	n target - known expenditure under existing contract due for renewal 2020. May need to e Wilderness Field? SIDs to be included + Village Orderly & additional ment/Machinery	Renewal of existing contract 2020? Revision of sums insured?		
5	Postage	203.64	500.00	71.30	500.00	-	200.00	Reduce	Withir	n target	Within target. Online banking likely to reduce postage? Village Orderly replaces need for posting on occasions.		
6	Stationery	461.14	500.00	153.48	500.00	-	500.00	Maintain		n target	Within target.		
7a	Photocopier Rental	685.96	1,200.00	362.98	1,515.30	315.30	1,300.00	Increase	Addition fee £1:		New rental agreement - £297 per quarter; Allow for 3%/5% inflation		
7b	Photocopier Charges	692.97	800.00	566.63	1,130.00	330.00	1,000.00	Increase		act renewed October 2019; increased charges possibly reflect additonal materials for new illors/projects/transparency - council meetings	New charges? Unlikely to increase signaficantly?		
8	Travel Expenses (staff)	134.28	200.00	90.63	200.00	-	200.00	Maintain		nt budget sufficient training for Deputy Clerk £350 October 2019; Networking Day £240; Councillor Finance	Within target. 2020/21 SSALC courses unknown; allow 5% increase on cost of courses; possible GDPR training for		
9	Training	2,150.00	3,000.00	1,220.00	1,900.00	- 1,100.00	2,500.00	Reduce	training	g Nov 2019; SSALC courses have been cancelled this year & not re-arranged - hence spend	councillors		
10	Room Hire	792.10	800.00	381.68	780.60	- 19.40	800.00	Maintain		n target. Anticipating 2% increase for hire wef January 2020	Anticipated 2% increase wef January 2020 Care increased external auditor fee if expenditure/receipts exceed £200.000 thresh hold ie £400 or		
11	Auditor	801.00	800.00	811.25	1,022.25	222.25	2000.00	Increase		n Review booked for 27 November 2019 - £132.75 2017/18 (£65.00 per hour + travel 2019/20 so this may cost £135?)	£600? Internal auditor fees remain unchanged		
12	Councillors' Travel Expenses	-	300.00	40.50	300.00	-	200.00	Reduce	Counc	cillor take up of courses not as anticipated	Within target. Reduce?		
13	Catering/cleaning	2,081.87	3,000.00	1,003.82	2,067.64	- 932.36	2,600.00	Reduce		cleaning per month £151.66, blind cleaning £30 October 2019 & January 2020; window ng £120.00 & Office sundry items £100	Tisburys indicate 4% increase wef April 2020 ie £159.24 per month, blind cleaning £31.25 per clean; CTH Common Area clean to be included; assume 5% inflation for Office Window Cleaning		
14	Council Elections	-	4,900.00	-	-	- 4,900.00	-	NEW DR	Estima	ate provided by MSDC Feb 2018	Suggest this be treated as a new Designated Reserve?		
	Clock Tower House								Fixed	capital and interest payment contract: we know £12299 due to be paid in October 2018 ie	Fixed capital & interest payment, due to be repaid Oct 2027: £11,936 due 27 Apr 2020 and £11,815		
15	PWLB: Repayment of loan	24,719.00	24,300.00	12,178.00	24,235.00	- 65.00	23,800.00	Reduce		or 2018/2019 will be £24,719.00; for 2019/2020 total estimated to be £24,235	due 26 Oct 2020 ie total £23,751		
16	Electricity	1,634.95	2,000.00	622.84	1,510.96	- 489.04	2,000.00	Maintain	Anticip	pated total spend for 2019/2020 within budget	Current contract ends 31 December 2021; Annual consumption May 2018 to May 2019 might sugges we have increased energy efficiency, hence predicted decrease in expenditure. Based on current rates, suggested 2020 expenditure could be £2,299.20? Newly installed Air Conditioning Unit may reduce costs?		
17	Water	172.08	300.00	97.08	194.16	- 105.84	300.00	Maintain		contract expires 3 August 2020 for dual water & wastewater services; anticipated spend budget;	New contract expires 3 August 2020 for dual water & wastewater services; anticipated spend within budget; allowing for a 5% increase 2020/2021 still within exisiting budget?		
18	Telephone/Broadband	2,047.25	2,500.00	1,014.97	2,215.05	- 284.95	2,000.00	Reduce	Existin Mar 20	ig contract anticipated spend: £1014.97 Apr to Sep 2019, £166.83 Oct 2019, £435 Nov to 020	Anticipated expenditure under new contract incl 5% inflation £ 1096.20; Monthly Broadband charge £46.50 per month; Solution charge £40.50 per month; Unlimited UK calss - no charge		
19	Security System (Alarm)	468.50	400.00	370.00	370.00	- 30.00	400.00	Maintain	Assur of part	ning 5% incease for standard annual service fee; no allowance for breakdown/replacement is	Assume 5% increase? £370 + 5% = £390		
20	Fire Extinguishers/Fire Alarm system	630.02	400.00	84.95	453.15	53.15	500.00	Increase	6 mor	on thly Fire Alarm Service due August & February ie £84.95 each; Servicing of Fire uishers Dec £275 + 3% = £283.25	Fire extinguishers replacement not due until December 2021; Allowing 5% inflation £453.15 + 5% = £475.80		
21	Repair/Replacement of Office Equipment	74.86	500.00	105.00	500.00	-	3,500.00	Increase	Possil	ble replacement of office chair: Parish Clerk £250? Improved office signage?	Replacement computers £2,500? Improved security storage units eg cleaning chemicals/folders (GDPR)?		
n/a	Purchase of Office Equipment	1,146.33	withdrawn	-	-	n/a	-	n/a	Outst	anding - shelving for back room estimated £365 inc VAT budgeted for 2018/19?	Shelving completed		
22 23	Service Charge: Lindfield Enterprise Park Ltd Health & Safety	630.00 145.00	700.00 200.00	630.00	630.00 200.00	- 70.00 -	700.00 200.00	Maintain Maintain		pated 5% did not materialise as contingency fund	5% increase did not happen in 2019/2020? Concern re bank condition? First Aid Kits; First Aid Training? Keep as contingency fund		
24	Publications	171.74	200.00	56.00	150.00	- 50.00	200.00	Maintain		0 Clerks Manual; Councillor Guides £56.00	Within target.		
25	Software (IT) & Web Site Maintenance (renamed Budget Heading)	3,038.18	4,800.00	3,531.25	3,731.25	- 1,068.75	3,500.00	Reduce	suppo	riptions to include Office 365, website support, maintenance contract, specialist software rt. 2019/20 to include pdf upgrade £200 max; Asset, finance & allotment software sed 2019/20	Subscriptions to include Office 365, website support, maintenance contract, specialist software suppor RBS support; Assume 5% inflation. Reduction reflects RBS support only (no purchase fees); End of year accounts RBS training; Possible expenditure £3145.13 plus inflation		
26	Data Protection	3,367.40	500.00	150.00	500.00	-	500.00	Maintain	To me	et Data Protection legislation & cost of compliance officer	To meet Data Protection legislation & cost of compliance officer; to include additional support towards FOI requests; ICO Renewal Feb 2020 £35		
27	Miscellaneous/Sundry	217.08	200.00	75.00	200.00	-	200.00	Maintain	Keys	purchased for donated Noticeboard	Commercial shredding costs included under this heading. Maintain?		
n/a	Village Orderly & Community Warden (2019/2019 Salary excluded) Maintenance of/Improvements to Clock Tower	3,018.10	withdrawn	-	-	n/a	-	n/a	n/a				
NEW	House Building	-	-	-		-	2500.00	NEW	n/a		Improvements to First Floor		
	Total:	122,389.10	140,500.00	74,271.49	131,903.84	- 8,596.16	143,000.00						

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					DRAF	T FINANCE & GEN	ERAL PURPOS	SES COMMITTE	BUDGET 2020/2021	
		Previous Year Spend 2018/2019	Current Budget 2019/2020	Current Year Spend to 30 Sep 2019	Estimated Spend to Year End March 2020	Esimated Spend Compared to Budget 2019/2020	Proposed Budget Spend 2020/2021		S.137 Comments 2019/2020	Comments 2020/2021
	Finance and General Purposes Committee									
Α	Administration	122,389.10	140,500.00	74,271.49	131,903.84	8,596.16	143,000.00	Increase	See Admin Budget breakdown	See Admin Budget breakdown
В	Chairman's Fund	324.97	1,000.00	118.00	1,000.00	-	500.00	Reduce	Increased to reflect inflation & extension of goodwill	Within budget; No additional expenditure anticipated - reduce as Chain of Office was included in 2019/20 figure
С	Grants/Donations	2,350.00	2,800.00	1,800.00	2,800.00	-	2,500.00	Reduce	Increased from 2018/19 to reflect level of demand	Reduce as within budget
D	Annual Memberships/Subscriptions	2,544.33	2,600.00	2,299.39	2,600.00	-	2,800.00	Increase	Within budget. Withdraw membership of West Sussex Archives Society £35	£2,600 = 5% inflation = £2,678, plus £100 Update
E	Village Directory	5,152.70	6,500.00	-	5,640.00	860.00	3,000.00	Reduce	Allowed for estimated printing costs £5931.60, postage expenses £40 in 2019/20	See accompanying report
F	Newsletter/Annual Report/Advertising	1,600.00	2,500.00	900.00	1,900.00	600.00	2,200.00	Reduce	Increased 2019/20 to reflect anticipated additional advertising	Allowance to include reference to SIDS & Wilderness Field article
G	Members' Allowances	1	2,500.00	1,291.00	2,500.00	-	2,500.00	Maintain	Retained to allow for new membersfollowing Council Election May 2019	Maintain
NEV	/ Professional Fees	-	-	-	-	-	5,000.00	NEW	n/a	To cover solicitors fees for items such as the toilets on the Common
	Total cash fund:	134,361.10	158,400.00	80,679.88	148,343.84	10,056.16	161,500.00		-	
	Capital Projects									
	None at present Sub total		_	-	_	_	_			
	ous tour									
	Designated Reserves									
	Capital Reserve including Toilets on the Common	-	84,170.00	-	_	84,170.00	84,170.00	Maintain	On going project	Ongoing Project
Ameı	Maintenance of Clock Tower House Building	2,236.67	5,000.00	1,607.00	1,607.00	3,393.00	-	WITHDRAW	Replaced Designated Reserve Heading CTH Sinking Fund 2018/2019; Ongoing repair/maintenance of CTH building	To be withdrawn & replaced by new budget item in the Administration Budget
	Total reserves:	2,236.67	89,170.00	1,607.00	1,607.00	87,563.00	84,170.00		-	

		Committee Expenditure			Anticipated	
Committee	Budget Code	Budget Heading	2018/19	2019/20	31.03.20	Budget 2020/2
	A B	Administration Chairman's Fund	142,780.00 500.00	140,500.00 1,000.00	131,903.84 1,000.00	143,000 500
F&GP	C D	Grants/Donations Annual Memberships/subscriptions	2,350.00 2,600.00	2,800.00 2,600.00	2,800.00 2,600.00	2,500 2,800
	E F	Village Directory Newsletter/Annual Report	6,500.00 2,000.00	6,500.00 2,500.00	5,640.00 1,900.00	3,000 2,200
	G	Members' Allowances	2,500.00	2,500.00	1,806.00	2,500
	Н	NEW - Professional Fees Total - F&GP:	159,230.00	158,400.00	147,649.84	5,000 161,50 0
-	1a 1b	Street Lighting - Energy/maintenance costs - Upgrading Street lights	4,350.00 3,000.00	4,900.00 4,000.00	3,200.00 700.00	4,900 4,000
	1c 1c	REMOVED - Christmas Lights Christmas Lights: High Street	8,500.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000
	1d	REMOVE - Christmas Lights: Pond	4 000 00	4,000.00	0.00	•
	3	Maintenance / Gardening (including Spring Clean and Maintenance) Allotments	4,000.00 2,500.00	5,000.00 6,000.00	1,000.00 5,000.00	2,000 2,500
	<u>4</u> 5	Christmas Festival Night Mobile Civic Amenity Freighter	1,000.00 2.000.00	1,000.00 2,100.00	1,000.00 2,100.00	1,20 2,10
	6a	Denmans Lane Toilets - running costs (cleaning & utilities)	13,000.00	13,000.00	13,000.00	15,000
	6b 7	Denmans Lane Toilets - Repair & Manitenance Digital mapping	250.00	1,000.00 400.00	3,000.00 320.00	3,00 60
	8 9	Grass cutting (High Street) Wilderness Field (fees & expenses)	2,000.00 5.000.00	2,000.00 5,000.00	1,800.00 1,000.00	2,00 1,00
E&A	10	Village Orderly Equipment	0,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,00
	11 12	REMOVED - Lindfield War Memorial Renovations REMOVED - Upgrade of Hickmans Lane Playground		4,000.00 20,000.00	0.00 18,000.00	
	tbc tbc	NEW - Climate change projects NEW - Emergency equipment				2,00 1,20
	tbc	NEW - Replacement street furniture				1,00
	tbc tbc	NEW - Village Archives NEW - Community Assets				20 1,00
F	tbc tbc	NEW - Joint projects NEW - Electronic Bus Stops				3,00
	lDC	REMOVED - Reprint of the Lindfield Leaflet	1,000.00			
-		REMOVED - Joint Project MSDC/WSCC - Post & rail fencing - Pond & Common REMOVED - Common Footpath - contribution: joint project with MSDC/WSCC				
		REMOVED - Village Archives	AC C00 00	70,400,00	57,120.00	E0.70
	(i)	Total - E&A: REMOVE - Miscellaneous	46,600.00 200.00	79,400.00 200.00	0.00	52,70
	(ii) (iii)	REMOVED - Traffic Study REMOVED - Speed Indicator Devices	4,300.00 6,000.00		Completed Completed	
P&T	(***/	NEW - Permanent SID	0,000.00		o o proto u	4.50
		NEW - Mobile SID NEW - Neighbourhood Plan				1,50 1,00
-		NEW - Professional fees Sub Total - P&T:	10,500.00	200.00	0.00	2,00 4.50
<mark> </mark>		Budget Total for Committees Designated Reserves	216,330.00	238,000.00	204,769.84	218,70
Committee	Budget Code	Description	2018/19	2019/20	Anticipated 31.03.20	Budget 202
		Capital Reserve including Toilets on the Common Capital Project: Repairs and remedial work to Clock Tower House	84,170.00 2,236.67	84,170.00		84,17
F&GP		CTH Sinking Fund	5,000.00	Withdraw	4.040.44	
-		Maintenance of Clock Tower House Building NEW - Council Elections		5,000.00	1,612.41	
		REMOVE - Street Map of Lindfield	4,000.00	4,000.00		
		NEW - Lindfield War Memorial REMOVE - Emergency Equipment (to incude purchase of salt bins)	1,250.00	1,200.00	185.98	4,00
		REMOVE - Denmans Lane toilets - Maintenance sinking fund REMOVE - Repair/Maintenance of Community Assets Sinking Fund	1,723.75 4,000.00	Fully Spent 4,000.00		
		REMOVE - Maintenance of King Edward Hall Clock	3,000.00	Completed		
		REMOVE - Replacement of Litter Bins REMOVED - Upgrade of Hickmans Lane Playground	4,000.00 20,000.00	4,000.00 Change	2,077.96	
E&A		REMOVE - Christmas Lights including Pond Lights REMOVED - Street Lights: LED Upgrade	4,000.00 4,384.86	Change		
		REMOVED - Street Lights. LED opgrade REMOVE - Village Archives	200.00	Completed 200.00		
		REMOVE - Joint Project with MSDC/WSCC Maintenance of Post & Rail Fencing: Pond and Common	5,373.00	5,000.00		
		REMOVE - Upgrade of Street Lights		1,534.86		
		REMOVED - Posts around Open Spaces REMOVED - Joint Project with WSCC: Dropped kerbs				
P&T		Professional fees/Neighbourhood Plan				
		Traffic Study Sub Total - Designated Reserves excluding Capital Reserve	59,168.28	24,934.86	3,876.35	4,00
		Sub Total - Designated Reserves General Reserve	143,338.28 73,233.14	109,104.86 50,000.00	3,876.35 4,002.00	88,17 50,00
		Sub Total - General Reserve:	73,233.14	50,000.00	11,102.00	50,00
		Total: General and Designated Reserves Cash Required to Support Budget Reserves for precept calculation	216,571.42 216,571.42	159,104.86 159,104.86	14,978.35 n/a	138,17 138,17
		Income			Anticipated	
		Description	2018/19	2019/20	31.03.20	Budget 202
		Bank/Building Society Interest Allotment Tenancies	228.00 730.00	1,000.00 730.00	1000.00 730.00	1,00 73
		Licence Fee (Land at Denmans Lane) Village Directory: Advertising	90.00	90.00	90.00	(
		Village Directory - Donations	10.00	10.00	10.00	
		Village Directory: Contribution from LRPC Christmas Festival Night	700.00 250.00	0.00 250.00	0.00 292.50	30
		Clock Tower House: rental	9,500.00	9,500.00	9,500.00	9,50
		Other income: Total income	700.00 15,708.00	400.00 14,480.00	70.00 13,702.50	20 11,82
		precept Total anticpiated receipts and income	156,000.00 171,708.00	156000.00 170,480.00	156,000.00 169,702.50	11,82
		Calculation of Precep	t Required for Pro	posed Budget 202	0/21	
			Receipts	ated funds in ha		rch 2020 Expenditure
		Cash Book Balance b/fwd as at 01.04.19 Add: Anticipated receipts to 31.03.20	221,518.63 169,702.50	General & Desig	Budget Total	204,76 14,97
		Total	391,221.13		Total	219,74
		Anticipated funds in hand as at 31.03.20 (receipts minus expenditure)	2	171,47 2020/21 Receipts 8		
			Receipts			Expenditure
		Anticipated funds in hand as at 31.03.20 c/f Budgeted income for 2020/21	171,472.94 11,820.00		budget 2020/21 support reserves	218,70 138,17
	-	Total	183,292.94		Total	356,87
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		Shortfall to be financed by precept (difference between 2019/20 receipts and expenditure)		173,57	7.06	173,57