

FINANCE AND RISK ASSESSMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Sub-Committee was held on the 30th November 2016.

Present: Councillor C. Smith (Chairman), Councillors L. Billau and V. Bowles.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors E. Banks, W. Murdoch and S. Scotthorne.

Peter Goulding (Parish Clerk) was in attendance.

10. BUDGET 2017/18

Members considered schedules of receipts and payments with projected outcomes for the financial year ending March 2017 along with the anticipated budget requirements for April 2017 to March 2018.

The Clerk detailed proposals discussed earlier for the provision of a Building Capital Reserve along with a provision within Reserves for matched funding to be used to attract external funding from other organisations.

The Clerk is working with Civic Centre Trustees and Youth Centre representatives to investigate the potential availability of external funding.

In addition, the Clerk reminded members that development costs for the newly purchased burial ground are about to be determined and it is intended that any loan repayment costs will remain within the £20,000 reserve established on an annual basis.
Details will be reported to the Council when costings have been ascertained.

The current budget proposal remains within the existing Council Tax Precept and no increase is envisaged at this time.

RECOMMENDED that

- 1) the report be noted
- 2) the proposed budget for 2017/18 be approved with a 2% increase in the figure staff salaries.
- 3) the Clerk's report on reserves and matched funding proposals be approved
- 4) the Council Tax Precept for 2017/18 be approved at £95

ENVIRONMENTAL WORKING PARTY

A meeting of the Working Party was held on 30th November 2016.

Present: Councillor C. Smith (Chairman), Councillors TL. Billau, B. Bowles, V Bowles, C. Connolly, S. Jackson and A. Williams.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor E. Banks.

Peter Goulding (Parish Clerk) was in attendance.

13. HIGHWAY ISSUES

The Clerk reported on a number of issues raised recently with the County Council. Ian Parker (Highways Manager) has responded and acted upon a number of requests but some action is being prioritised according to budget availability.

Mr Parker had indicated that it is not intended to apply any further warning notices at the junction of Hundred Acre Lane and Blyth Road and forwarded current records of accident occurrences which do not demonstrate a need for additional measures at the present time. RECOMMENDED that 1) the Highway Manager's comments be noted.

2) the Highway Manager be requested to consider appropriate measures for defining the entrance to Peppers Development Site in Blyth Road.

14. A60 BURIAL GROUND – IMPROVEMENT WORKS

The Clerk reminded members that work on this project is about to commence. Family visitors to the site, undertakers and the Church have all been informed of the unavoidable inconvenience which may be experienced for 2 to 3 weeks.