

ASHOVER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held in The Sports Pavilion, Milken Lane, Ashover on **Tuesday 05 October 2021** at 6.00pm

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PRESENT

Councillors W Armitage, R Fidler, C Miller
S. Atkinson (Parish Clerk/RFO)
Members of the Public – 0

Members paid respect to former District Councillor Peter Ramshaw, who had sadly passed away.

FC/01/21 Election of Chairman of Finance Committee 2021/2022

It was proposed and seconded that Cllr R Fidler is elected Chairman.

Resolved: That Cllr R Fidler is elected Chairman of the Finance Committee for 2021/2022.

FC/02/21 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Mrs H Boffy and L Hunter-Bott.

FC/03/21 Variation of Order of Business

There was no variation in the order of business.

FC/04/21 Declaration of Members Interests and Requests for Dispensation

There were no declarations of interest received.

FC/05/21 Recording and Filming of Council and Committee Meetings

Members of the Public and Councillors were reminded that:-

The right to record, film and to broadcast meetings of the council, committees and subcommittees is established following the Local Government Audit and Accountability Act 2014. This is in addition to the rights of the press and public to attend such meetings. Meetings or parts of meetings from which the press and public are excluded may not be filmed or recorded. Members of the public are permitted to film or record meetings to which they are permitted access, in a non-disruptive manner.

FC/06/21 Exclusion of Public

There were no items on the agenda taken in exclusion.

FC/07/21 Income/Expenditure and Budget Review 2021/2022

Consideration was given to the current figures, earmarked reserves and any virements.

Recommendation:

- (i) That £3,000.00 is transferred from code 1163 Contingencies to code 1158 Legal Fees.**
- (ii) That, due to recent increases in energy charges, Floodlight Cards are increased from £2.60 each (one hour's use) to £3.00 each (one hour's use).**

FC/08/21 Precept 2022/2023

Committee Members analysed the precept requirement for 2022/2023, deliberating each code and cost centre in the accounting system, recognising the need to limit expenditure as far as possible due to current restraints and economic climate and taking into account a realistic income figure. The Capital Assets Renewal Programme continued to be included in the precept sum and this would be revised to reflect ongoing capital expenditure and to include new capital purchases. Members recognised the requirement to retain six months precept reserves at all times, whilst being aware of access to earmarked reserves.

Additionally, it was anticipated that, due to a potential increase in dwellings and proposed growth, any increase would be spread over more properties and therefore should have a lesser impact on individual households.

Recommendation: That, having deliberated the budget for the Financial Year 2022/2023, an anticipated realistic income figure of £15,475.00 set against an anticipated expenditure figure of £93,047.00 plus earmarked reserves of £12,183.00, produced an annual Precept figure for 2022/2023 of £89,755.00. This represents a £6386.00 increase (approx. 7.6%) on the previous year due to provisions for Platinum Jubilee Celebrations (£5,000.00), additional cemetery maintenance (£2,000.00), increased energy charges (£700.00).

FC/09/21 Finance Meetings

Recommendation: That, to allow remote meetings to take place when necessary, the status of the Finance Committee is changed to a Finance Working Group and that this group's remit remains as a recommending body.

The meeting closed at 6.55pm