

Finance Committee Meeting
Minutes of the meeting held on 1st December, 2010, at 8.10pm
In the Committee Room at the Village Hall, Braeside Road, St Leonards

Members Present: Cllr Mrs V Bell Chairman

Cllr J Crow

Cllr R Dudman

Cllr Mrs A Warman

Cllr M Dyer

Cllr Mrs J House

Cllr R Warman

In attendance: Mrs Ann Jacobs Parish Clerk

Public Forum: None

326. Declarations of Interest:-

Name	Details	Declaration
Cllr Mrs A Warman	Item 9 - Chairman and Trustee of VHMC – will not take part if VHMC brought up. Scouts Personal only	Personal & Prejudicial if VHMC issue
Cllr R Dudman	Item 9 Chairman of Age Concern and a Trustee of VHMC	Personal & Prejudicial
Cllr R Warman	Treasurer of Scouts only - Item 8 is from the Joint Headquarters Management Committee	Personal

327. Apologies: were received and accepted from Cllr R Bryan and Cllr Mrs S Smith

328. Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting the Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd November 2010 pages 55 & 56 were approved and signed as a correct record. Proposed by Cllr Mrs J House, seconded by Cllr R Warman.

329. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

Minute 287.2 Further information had been received from Victim Support but after consultation with the Chairman it was decided not to process this application further.

330. The schedule of payments for November, cheque numbers 003627-003644 were discussed, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, and is placed with these Minutes in the Minute Book see Appendix A. The schedule was approved. Proposed by Cllr R Warman, seconded by Cllr Mrs J House.

RESOLVED: That the schedule of payments for November (cheque numbers 003627-003644) be approved.

Cllr Mrs Warman queried cheque number 003641 The Clerk explained that this was to repair the main office light for health and safety reasons. Cllr Mrs Warman stated that it was the duty of the VHMC to repair the lights not the Council's.

331. Bank Reconciliation: – The Clerk submitted for information a bank reconciliation for the period ended 18th November 2010. The reconciliation was agreed unanimously. A copy of which, had been circulated to each Member and placed with these Minutes in the Minute Book see Appendix B.

RESOLVED: That the bank reconciliation dated 18th November 2010 be approved.

332. Reserve Holdings – The Clerk confirmed: Barclays Bank £25,000 held in a current account; Santander Business Reward Saver now £49,000 and the Allied Irish Bank (UK) kept at £29945.

333. Grants: A Grant Request from the Joint Headquarters Management Committee for Scouts & Guides in St Leonards for new signage was discussed. It was agreed to award a grant of £400 from the Grants contingency budget. Proposed by Cllr J House, seconded by Cllr Mrs A Warman. Cllr R Warman abstained from the vote the rest were in favour.

RESOLVED: To award a grant of £400 towards new signage for the Scouts & Guides Joint

Headquarters Management Committee

334. Budget Planning

i) Minute 285 refers the responses from the two Afternoon Clubs were reported to Members neither group wished to merge or close. This was discussed. The Chairman informed Members that to continue subsidising the two clubs at £100 per head was not commensurate with the current economic climate. Cllr R Warman pointed out that collecting subs from each Member resulted in other problems and was difficult. It was agreed that the budgetary sum for the two clubs would be £1500 for the year from 1.4.11. The Clubs will be subsidised equally and the shortfall of approximately £450pa per group, will need to be met by the Members attending. Proposed by Cllr Mrs J House, seconded by Cllr M Dyer. (Cllr Mrs Warman and Cllr R Warman abstained).

The Clerk reported that as the booking and invoices were in the Council's name and not Age Concern there was an insurance liability issue to the Council. The Council insurers had confirmed that cover could be included at no additional cost.

ii) The amended draft budget was reviewed. It is envisaged that Parishes will need to cover more costs which are currently unknown. The reserves were noted. The Clerk will amend the Youth Club grant provision to "Youth" widening the scope of availability. Proposed by Cllr R Warman, seconded by Cllr Mrs J House. Cllr R Dudman abstained.

The Clerk will check if there will be any election cost for 2011 as it is the 4 year cycle.

iii) It was agreed to provisionally recommend in principle, a precept demand of £72855 (an increase of 0.9% for 2011 subject to final adjustment if needed by Full Council. Proposed by Cllr M Dyer, seconded by Cllr J Crow. The final demand has to be with EDDC by the end of January.

RESOLVED: To provisionally recommend, in principle, a precept demand of £72855 (an increase of 0.9% for 2011 subject to final adjustment if needed by Full Council.

335. Exchange of Information: Next meeting scheduled for 2nd February 2011

Meeting ended at 9pm

CHAIRMAN