

FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Wednesday 14th December 2011 7.00p.m.
The Old Courthouse, Burgage, Southwell

Present: Cllrs. P Harris (Chairman), R Dobson, J Hamilton, P Handley, B Prentice, P Rainbow, S Rodgers.
In attendance: C Standish- Clerk, and the press

MINUTES

- 1 **Apologies for absence.** Cllrs A Gregory, C Pierpoint
- 2 **Council members' declarations of interest for items on the agenda.** None
- 3 **Chairman's Announcements.** -The telephone boxes in the town will be repainted early in the new year.
- 4 4.1 Minutes of previous meeting – 12th October 2011 - Agreed unanimously as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
4.2 Matters Arising – item 12 – Cllr Harris is still pursuing the matter of maintenance for the Planters in Easthorpe.
- 5 **Questions from members of the Public.** None
- 6 **Finance matters**
 - 6.1 Income and expenditure report to 30th November 11 - Noted and approved unanimously.
 - 6.2 Reserves Position at 30th November 11 – Noted.
 - 6.3 Financial Statement and Bills for payment December 11 - Bills of £41,329.85 and late bills of £2,406.17 noted and approved unanimously.
- 7 **Budget for 2012-13**
 - 7.1 Consideration of the proposed Income & Expenditure budget for 2012-13 (Mk1.3 7th December 2011) – The proposed expenditure budget was reviewed by each expenditure code and explanations given as appropriate. The only suggested amendment to the proposed expenditure budget was to code 1135 – It was agreed unanimously to amend the name of the code from Chairmans Allowance to Civic Events and to amend the amount from £50 to £150 with the increase being deducted from the anticipated contribution to 'General Reserves' this therefore being reduced from £7484 to £7384. It was also agreed unanimously that the anticipated contribution to 'General Reserves' be amended to read to the 'R R & I Reserves'.
It was **Proposed** and **Resolved** unanimously 'The Income and Expenditure Budget Mk1.3 as proposed with amendments to code 1135 and allocation to Reserves is Recommended to Full Council for approval'.
 - 7.2 Consideration of the proposed Precept for 2012-13
It was **Proposed** and **Resolved**, 6 for 1 against, that 'An increase of 2% on the current year's tax base for Southwell for Band D properties (ie £50.77) is recommended to Full Council for approval'.

8 Requests for funding from Reserves

8.1 Tree Works - It was noted that a comprehensive survey of the trees on Council owned land had been undertaken and categorised as Urgent, Priority 1 and Priority 2; the cost of work will be undertaken over two years as this would not compromise public safety; Urgent, Priority 1 and any nearby P2 will be undertaken in this financial year (costs approximately £11,000) and P2 in the next financial year (approx. £3000).

It was Proposed and Resolved 6, for 1 against, that 'The lowest quote for the tree works be accepted, the funding to be from RR & I Reserves in this and next financial year'.

9 To note the agreement of the proposed lease for the Centenary Sports Ground Pavilion to Southwell St Marys Football Club. Noted.

£500 was approved unanimously for solicitors fees for writing the leases between the STC and Centenary Sports Ground Management Committee and STC and Southwell St Marys FC (General Reserves)

10 To Note the Report from the Risk Assessment Panel - the report and recommendations were approved and agreed for action as appropriate.

11 To receive the notes from the Parks & Open Spaces Working Group meeting 5th December 2011
Noted.

12 Verbal update regarding the Community Sports Pitch – It was reported that NCC are not pursuing the CPO for the agreed fourth playing field for the Minster School and are instructing the School to use the Minster Field, currently on lease to the Town Council. The School has asked NCC to reconsider this course of action as the Minster Field is not suitable. The Town Council Chairman is meeting with the Chairman of the Governors of the Minster School in January to discuss the matter.

NCC have requested the Town Council to sign a Deed of Rectification in connection with Moorfield Court and the granting of a Lease from the Anchor Trust to the County Council. As this is connected to the original agreement regarding provision of sports fields to the School, it was **Proposed** and **Resolved** unanimously 'The Deed of Rectification shall not be signed at this point in time'.

13 To note the Annual External Inspection of the Play Areas - Noted.

14 Correspondence - None.

15 Date of next meeting. Wednesday 8th February 2012

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm

Signed:..... Date:.....

Chairman, Finance and Policy Committee.