

**MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE
WVCA COMMUNITY HALL ON WEDNESDAY 30th JANUARY 2019**

Present: Cllrs: N Kirk (Chair), M Dury, T Griffin, V Perry, Mrs. S Dyer (Clerk)

FIN/19/01 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
None.

FIN/19/02 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
The Clerk gave apologies for P O'Leary, who is unwell.

FIN/19/03 **TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS UNDER
WHITCHURCH VILLAGE COUNCILS CODE OF CONDUCT
(ADOPTED ON 7th NOVEMBER 2012)**
None.

FIN/19/04 **TO RECEIVE, CONSIDER AND GRANT ANY DISPENSATIONS
(FOR DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS)**
None.

FIN/19/05 **TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE FINANCE MEETING HELD ON
29th AUGUST 2018**
It was resolved that the minutes were a true record of the above meeting
and they were signed accordingly by N Kirk (Chairman)

FIN/19/06 **TO NOTE THE CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO AVON
PENSION FUND COMMITTEE AND AGREE ANY COMMENTS TO BE
MADE**
The contents of the letter dated 14th January 2019 regarding the above
consultation was noted, it was agreed no comments need to be made.

FIN/19/07 **TO NOTE THE CEMETERY REVIEW AND AGREE AN AMOUNT TO BE
PLACED IN EARMARKED RESERVES FOR ITS UPKEEP**
The cemetery review document was presented to the committee, with
comparison figures over the last ten years. After discussion it was
resolved that the £70,000 in the NS&I account together with another
£10,000 of funds, to be transferred before the end of the financial year,
will be earmarked reserves for the up keep of the cemetery when the
income is diminished due to lack of grave space.

FIN/19/08 **TO DISCUSS HOLDING PETTY CASH AND AGREE THE WAY
FORWARD WITH THIS**
After a discussion and considering the pros and cons of keeping petty
cash in the office, it was agreed not to take this any further at present.

It was agreed that at the next Finance committee meeting electronic payments will be revisited.

FIN/19/09 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE REGARDING PLANS FOR CiL & S106 FUNDS

An e-mail has been received from Bristol Barbarians Rugby Club asking if their request for a grant of £25,000 from CiL funds, towards their new clubhouse project has been considered any further. This request was discussed again and the following response agreed.

'We are unable to agree to this request at present as we have a limited amount of funds available which we plan to spend to enhance the whole community.'

A discussion was then held on other areas where CiL funds could be spent, lighting on the cycle track, painting the rusty gate at the entrance to the cycle track, getting the footpath to the Playpark along the A37 cleared and possibly made wider and giving the Millennium Garden an overhaul in the Centre of the Village.

The Clerk is in the process of speaking to other Councils who have updated and installed new play park facilities recently to see the best way to proceed with the project to upgrade the Playpark using the S106 funds.

FIN/19/10 TO DISCUSS AND RECOMMEND CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FOR 2019/2020

The Clerk has obtained two quotes and is waiting for another to install new pathways and repair the roadway at the cemetery. It was agreed to put £15,000 as capital expenditure for this project in the 2019/2020 budget. In the meantime the Clerk to check whether CiL funds can be used for this purpose.

FIN/19/11 TO SET THE BUDGET FOR 2019/2020 AND AGREE THE PRECEPT TO BE RECOMMENDED TO THE FULL COUNCIL

Each item of the budget was considered at length and amendments made where necessary.

It was resolved to recommend that the precept for 2019/2020, is increased by £2,000 to £33,000.00, this will be an increase of no more than 5p on all properties in the village. (The change in the Council Tax base figure enables this).

Meeting ended at 9.30p.m