



FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 20th AUGUST 2019 AT 7.45 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF THE MEMORIAL HALL

PRESENT: Councillors: C Fleury (Chair), B Hobbs, D James, A Bamford, G Cameron and H White

Members of the public: 0 Clerk: M J Mills

1. APOLOGIES

Cllr G Kennett MBE and C Bray.

2. TO AGREE MINUTES OF THE LAST FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 19th FEBRUARY 2019 (ATTACHED FOR CLLRS).

The Minutes of the meeting on 19th February 2019 (having been circulated) were approved.

3. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

Cllr H White was elected as vice-chair.

4. UPDATE ON THE ANNUAL RETURN FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2019

The Clerk confirmed that all required information had been published and the external auditor had now raised some minor queries.

5. CONSIDERATION OF BUDGET FOR THE JUST ASK OFFICER'S ROLE

There was some discussion on what period should be considered and it was decided that in view of the importance of the role this item would be included in the budget on a permanent basis.

6. TO REVIEW THE MONITORING SHEET AND BUDGET SHEET

This item was considered along with item 7 below. The monitoring sheet was noted. The following virements were made:

Community connector £15000 to £20000

Just Ask Officer £11500 to £13000

Motor expenses £0 to £3000

Gate Lane toilet project £0 to £2150

It was suggested that payment of the support grant to West Wight Sports and Community Centre should continue to be made as one payment each year.

Cllr White suggested savings re the Gate Lane toilet expenditure. She said that Bucketts had done the repairs to Brighstone toilets and the costs had been in the region of £22000. Cllr Cameron suggested that councillors should look into which local builders might be able to do the work and pass the details to the Assistant Clerk. Cllr White also suggested that investigation be made regarding sensors being installed to save water.

7. VIREMENT OF BUDGET (REVISIONS)

See above.

8. CHANGES TO BANK MANDATE

It was agreed that the Assistant Clerk be added to the mandate.

That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

9. STAFF SALARIES

Revisions were agreed to the staff salary structure.

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm.