

FLITTON AND GREENFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Finance Committee held at the Church Hall, Flitton
on Wednesday 9th January 2019 at 18.30h

Present: Cllrs N Arthur (Chair), M Gates, G Ellis, T King, P Woodland and D Lawson (Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES AND SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr N Thompson sent apologies

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 17th October 2018 were received and signed as a true record by the Chair There were no outstanding matters

3.. BUDGET 2018/19 QUARTER 3 ACCOUNTS REPORT AND BANK RECONCILIATION

The Clerk presented the Q3 accounts, these were accepted, and the quarterly reconciliation was noted to show a correct balance.

4. BUDGET 2019/20

The proposed figures were considered and the Chairman explained that out the options he deemed a 2.2% increase (same rate as CPI) the most appropriate approach, however this was up for discussion at the meeting.

This increase covered all the annual ongoing costs plus some one-off costs and allowed enough flexibility to keep the contingency and MUGA/Playing Field funds at an appropriate level. This also took into account the fact that the MUGA re-surfacing would need to be considered in the next few years.

Cllr Ellis queried whether the budget in future could ring fence any Solar Farm Community funding so that it did not become part of the everyday base budget and this was agreed. The Clerk would set this up accordingly.

Cllr Arthur proposed the 2.2% increase and Cllr Gates seconded this

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RESOLVED that a 2.2% increase in precept be recommended to Council on 23rd January to raise the sum of £46,400

5. GRANT APPLICATION

The grant application for £650 on behalf of the Friends of Flitton Moor was considered and it was noted that the figures added up to £670. Everyone agreed that the Friends do an excellent job on the Moor and agreed to fund the full £670

RESOLVED that a grant of £670 be paid to the Friends

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6. RISK ASSESSMENT REGISTERS

The Risk Registers were discussed and it was noted that all had been updated on the website in January 2019.

RESOLVED the Risk Assessment Registers were adopted for 2019-20

7 BEDFORDSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY (FRA) BUDGET 2019/20

The budget consultation was considered and all agreed that they could answer the first question affirmatively, however the other questions were very difficult to take a corporate view as no-one had sufficient information upon which to base a response. The Clerk agreed to respond accordingly and Cllrs would make their personal views known if they wanted to respond in this way

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8. INFORMATION ITEMS

There were no items to note

9. NEXT MEETING

Weds 10th April 2019

The meeting ended at 19.10h

Signed

Chairman 10th April 2019