

**MINUTES of a meeting of the FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, WILTON on TUESDAY 22nd January 2019 at 7.00pm**

Present Cllr T Batchelder
Cllr C Blackman
Cllr P Church
Cllr Edge
Cllr Kinsey

In Attendance Mr S Milton, Town Clerk; Mr H Abel, Minute Secretary

Also Present Rachel Ashton Brown & Cllr Phil Matthews

Composition of the Finance & General Purposes Committee for the Mayoral year 2018-2019

Cllr Trevor Batchelder
Cllr Pauline Church
Cllr Paula Johnston

Cllr Charlotte Blackman
Cllr Peter Edge
Cllr Andrew Kinsey
Cllr Ivan Seviour

Rachel Ashton Brown – expressed thanks to the Town Council for the notices at Water Ditchampton.

Rachel Ashton Brown – asked if the Town Council, in view of its plan to secure Hi Vis jackets for use during emergencies, planned to make clear the distinction between Cllrs and Flood Wardens because volunteers are not covered by insurance.

A G E N D A

Cllr Batchelder in the chair

01.19 Apologies for absence and to consider whether to approve reasons give

Cllr I Seviour apologised for his absence owing to a prior engagement

Resolved: to note.

02.19 Chairman's Announcements

Cllr Batchelder had nothing to report that did not appear elsewhere on the agenda.

03.19 Declarations of Interest

a) To receive **Declarations of Interest** in respect of matters contained in this agenda, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 in respect of officers and in accordance with the provisions of the Localism Act 2011 in respect of members.

Resolved: to note.

b) To consider any **Dispensation Requests** received by the Town Clerk and not previously considered.

Resolved: To note none received for consideration.

04.19 Finance & General Purposes Committee Minutes

It was noted that the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on Tuesday 18th December 2018 were approved as a correct record without amendment.

It was noted, for the purposes of clarification, that the £8,000,000 set aside for road repairs and potholes was Wiltshire Council money and not that of the Town Council.

05.19 Finance

a. To confirm and authorise the payment of a schedule of accounts in the sum of £13,359.26

Resolved: to confirm and authorise said schedule of payments.

b. To note the bank balances and reconciliation figures as at the end of November 2018

Current account £7,922.39 deposit account £154,163.59

Resolved : to note

06.19 Matter referred from Full Council

a. Wilton Bowls Club Parking

The Committee is asked to consider the situation raised by Wilton Bowls Club following changes to parking arrangements at Wilton Shopping Village.

Cllr Edge reported that he had met with the Eagle One Securities manager who had affirmed that the company was keen to work with the Town Council and more than happy to work with the Bowls Club and Tennis court users. Eagle One will make amendments with the parking company when the contract is renewed in April.

Cllr Edge added that there was a possibility of setting up the Wilton Men's Shed temporarily in the rear car park. This was necessary because the Veterans Centre site would not be available until next year.

07.19 Wilton Town Council Budget and Precept 2019/2020

Members had been circulated with copies of the report on the Budget and Precept 2019/2020. After careful consideration the committee agreed the proposal for submission to Full Council for approval – report to be included with the Council agenda.

08.19 Wilton Neighbourhood Plan

The Town Clerk has contacted Gillingham partners (who have produced Gillingham's Neighbourhood Plan) and invited them to come to a Wilton NP meeting. What is required is a set of clear objectives which need to be put in place before going out to wider consultation. This could be best achieved by a small group overseeing the objective setting. Presently there is £15,000 allocated from Wilton's reserves towards the creation of the NP and an application for additional locality funding will be made.

09.19 To review and note other ongoing matters:

- a. Streetscene/Highways* – signs have been erected at the Hollows and Water Ditchampton.
- b. Asset transfers and valuation*
Randalls Croft play area – had been refurbished with some of Wilton's R2 money. A&P have requested an up to date lease from Wiltshire Council
- c. Public Toilets* – the gutter has been cleared. Entry and locking systems are being explored.
- d. Market Place* – there has been damage to the wall and this is being progressed with the Council's insurance company. Quotes for repairs are being sought.
- e. Town trail markers* – still waiting for consent from Wiltshire Council
- f. Speed Indicator Device* – a new SID has been installed but is having teething problems.
- g. Proposed bund* – No update but research into the Crow Lane project is needed.
- h. Bowls Club extension* – the Town Council has agreed to the Bowls Club extension. The map and codicil to the agreement are being formally created.
- i. Harvey & Snowden Lease* – a copy of the new lease is with Harvey & Snowden and awaiting approval.

10.19 Correspondence received – none received since the publication of the agenda

11.19 To confirm the date and venue of the next meeting – Tuesday 26th February 2019 at 7.00pm in the Council Chamber.

12.19 To close the meeting

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.02pm.

Members of the Council considered the foregoing matters in consideration of their duties: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability); Crime and Disorder; health and Safety, and Human Rights.