



Oundle Town Council

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Minutes of the Town Council Finance & General Purposes Committee held on Tuesday 9th January 2018 at 7.30pm in The Oundle Suite, Fletton House, Oundle.

Present: Cllrs: Cllr Sparkes, Cllr Chapple, Cllr Chesser, Cllr Peel and Cllr Glen
Clerk: Emma Baker
Finance Officer: Paul Smith

FGP17.37. Apologies for Absence

- 17.37.01. To receive apologies for absence.
There were no apologies received.
17.37.02. To accept apologies for absence.

FGP17.38. Declarations of Interests

To receive and consider any declarations of interest from Members and Officers under Section 50 of the Local Government Act 2000 (*Standing Order 35*) (This requirement applies only in respect of matters, which are to be considered by the Council at this meeting.)

- 17.38.01. To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.
None
17.38.02. To declare any Other Interests.
None.

FGP17.39. Representations from Interested Parties

A period of no longer than 10 minutes will be allocated for members of the public to address the meeting about items on this agenda at the Chairman's discretion. (*Standing Order 3d and 3e*).
None.

FGP17.40. Consideration of Requests from Interested Parties

None received.

FGP17.41. Minutes of Previous Meetings – Finance & General Purpose

- 17.41.01 PROPOSITION: *'To approve and sign the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes meeting held on 12th December 2017 as an accurate record.'* (*Standing Order 10c*)
The minutes were approved.

Proposed: Cllr Chapple

Seconded: Cllr Chesser

Resolved: 4 in favour |
abstention

FGP17.42. Financial Matters

17.42.01. To receive the balance sheet, income and expenditure and budget report up to 31st December 2017.

Cllr Glen gave a verbal report on the income and expenditure and budget up to 31st December.

17.42.02. To authorise a Debit Card for the Council's Bank Account at NatWest
Authorisation to request a new debit card was approved.

Proposed: Cllr Glen

Seconded: Cllr Chesser

Resolved: All in favour

Please note that in view of the special and/or confidential nature of the business about to be transacted it is advisable in the public interest that the public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw (Standing Order 3c).

Proposed: Cllr Chapple

Seconded: Cllr Chesser

Resolved: 4 in favour 1 against

The meeting closed at 7.54pm.

The meeting opened at 9.13pm.

17.42.03. To consider staff salaries for 2018/2019 budget.

It was agreed that the Finance Officer would draft the staff budget including the agreed proposals ready for the next full council meeting.

17.42.04. To consider the payment of Honoraria in certain circumstances.

It was agreed to pay an Honoraria to two members of staff.

Proposed: Cllr Peel

Seconded: Cllr Chesser

Resolved: All in favour

17.42.05. To engage an employment law Solicitor to consult Council on employment law matters.

It was agreed that the Mayor have an initial meeting with an employment law specialist to ascertain whether they are interested in accepting future instructions from the Council.

Proposed: Cllr Chapple

Seconded: Cllr Chesser

Resolved: All in favour.

FGP17.43. Any other business for Report Only

The Mayor informed the meeting that some members of staff would be working extra hours to cover estates duties until a decision is made on whether the role is going to be changed or not.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.18pm

Signed:..........

Dated:.....13/2/18.....