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#### MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2014

PRESENT:Councillor A. Williams (Vice Chairman)<br/>Councillor Mrs D. Allen<br/>Councillor Mrs J. Heydon<br/>Councillor MJ Phillips<br/>Councillor A. Seymour<br/>Councillor N. Shepherd (Town Mayor)<br/>Councillor H. Trevette

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs J Wheeler – Town Clerk

73. <u>APOLOGIES</u>: Apologies were received from Cllrs Mrs V. Head; M. Lacey; M. Vivis and Mrs L. Walsh.

# 74. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

#### 75. <u>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE APPROVED MINUTES OF MEETING</u> <u>HELD ON 16 DECEMBER 2013:</u> There were no Matters arising.

# 76. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE AMENDED BUDGET FOR 2014-2015

**FINANCIAL YEAR:** The Town Clerk circulated an amended Budget Briefing to all Councillors. The third amended budget did not include a provision for the payment to Little Chalfont Parish Council for Westwood Park bills. There would also be a payment of £4,800 for one year's rental of the property up to April 2013.

It was:

Proposed Councillor MJ Phillips Seconded Councillor A. Williams

#### **RESOLVED** to

Approve the third amended budget for the 2014-2015 financial year.

# 77. TO AGREE A RESPONSE TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT

**<u>CONSULTATION FROM HS2</u>** Cllr Shepherd had been working on a report which focused specifically on the aspects of HS2 which most affected Amersham. The Town Clerk would circulate the report to all Councillors for final comment before submission.

# 78. TO SIGN A DECLARATION AGAINST HS2:

It was

Proposed Seconded

Councillor A. Williams Councillor A. Seymour

# **RESOLVED to**

Sign the Declaration against the HS2 project.

ACTION: JW

# 79. TO AGREE A COST FOR THE HANGING BASKET BRACKETS FOR OLD

**TOWN – deferred from the Community Services meeting**: The price of £15.62 each for<br/>the hanging basket brackets was approved.ACTION: SC

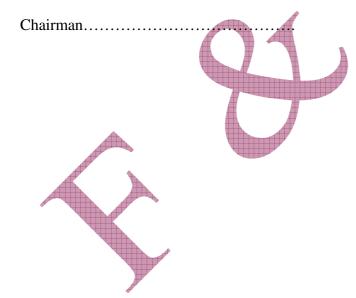
80. TO CONFIRM THE PRICE FOR THE METAL BOLLARDS AROUND THE MEMORIAL – deferred from the Community Services meeting: The Councillors felt that the price of  $\pm 123.20$  per bollard was too expensive however the cheaper alternative suggested by Cllr Shepherd was not suitable. The Community Officer was advised to find the best price. ACTION: SC

81. <u>CHILTERN DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS:</u> Flooding initiatives are now being produced following the flooding of Old Amersham homes.

82. <u>BUCKS COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS:</u> Cllr Martin Phillips congratulated ATC staff and Councillors for all their hard work during the flooding. Cllr Tett had mentioned ATC recently in a speech and was complimentary. Cllr Phillips also mentioned a participatory budget in the Local Access Forum where parishes will vote for common projects and the money will be ear-marked for that work.

83. <u>MATTERS FOR REPORT</u>: The pending visit from Dr Michael Meister still seemed to be going ahead on the 8<sup>th</sup> March. The HessenTag event was also discussed and Cllrs Williams and Trevette expressed interest in attending with the Deputy Mayor.

The meeting closed at 20.30pm.



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