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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)
Councillor Mrs D. Allen
Councillor Mrs J. Heydon
Councillor MJ Phillips
Councillor A. Seymour
Councillor N. Shepherd (Town Mayor)
Councillor H. Trevette

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs J Wheeler – Town Clerk

73. **APOLOGIES:** 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. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE APPROVED MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 16 DECEMBER 2013:** 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**

CONSULTATION FROM HS2: 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	Councillor A. Williams
	Seconded	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 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 £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. **CHILTERN DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS:** Flooding initiatives are now being produced following the flooding of Old Amersham homes.

82. **BUCKS COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS:** 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. **MATTERS FOR REPORT:** The pending visit from Dr Michael Meister still seemed to be going ahead on the 8th 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.

Chairman.....

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