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DRAFT MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 10 APRIL 2017

PRESENT: Councillor C Morgan (Deputy Town Mayor)
Councillor M Grimson
Councillor Seymour
Councillor N Shepherd
Councillor Mrs L Walsh

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs E Richardson - Town Clerk Finance & Policy

OPEN SESSION:

During the open session Fred Harrison and Caroline Perkins from the Amersham Band informed Members of the band's current planning application for a new band hall in Amersham. Members were generally in favour of the proposal but will refrain from comment on the application until the planning details are discussed at an ATC Planning Meeting.

66. **APOLOGIES** Councillor M Vivis (Town Mayor)
Councillor M Flys
Councillor M Lacey

67. **ABSENT NO APOLOGIES:** Councillor R Jones
Councillor Mrs L Staite
Councillor H Newton

68. **MINUTES:**

It was

Proposed – Councillor A Seymour

Seconded – Councillor Mrs L Walsh

RESOLVED THAT:

Minutes of the Council meeting held on 16 January 2017 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

69. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

70. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE APPROVED MINUTES OF MEETING
HELD ON 16 JANUARY 2017:**

There were no matters arising.

71. **TO RECEIVE THE QUARTERLY FINANCE REPORTS:**

The reports were noted.

It was Proposed Councillor A Seymour
Seconded Councillor Mrs L Walsh

RECOMMENDED to:

Approve the accounts to 28 February 2017.

72. **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE GRANTS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 3rd APRIL 2017**

After discussion,

It was Proposed Councillor M Grimson
Seconded Councillor A Seymour

RECOMMENDED to:

To approve the minutes and allocate grants as recommended at the Grants Committee meeting held on 3rd April 2017.

73. **TO FORMALLY SET THE DATES FOR THE 'EXERCISE OF ELECTORS' RIGHTS' FOR THE ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017**

It was Proposed Councillor Mrs L Walsh
Seconded Councillor N Shepherd

RECOMMENDED to:

Approve the dates for the Exercise of Electors' Rights as 20th June to 1st August 2017.

74. **TO DISCUSS RENEWAL OF ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP OF THE BUCKINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (BALC) & THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (NALC):**

After discussion,

It was Proposed Councillor A Seymour
Seconded Councillor N Shepherd

RECOMMENDED to:

Continue the Town Council's membership of BALC and NALC for the 2017/2018 financial year.

75. **TO DISCUSS THE PURCHASE OF REPLACEMENT FENCING FOR WESTWOOD LODGE:**

Photos of the poor condition of the fencing at Westwood Lodge had been circulated prior to the meeting and Councillors were informed that ATC has a full repairing lease on the property which is rented from Little Chalfont Parish Council. After discussion

It was Proposed Councillor A Seymour
Seconded Councillor C Morgan

RECOMMENDED to:

Replace the existing fencing and gate at an anticipated cost of £800 for materials, with the depot staff carrying out the work. The Clerk was asked to report at the next meeting on the calculation of labour cost based on the work being undertaken by the depot staff as agreed.

76. **CHILTERN DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS:**

Councillor Shepherd commented on the challenges currently being experienced by CDC officers in formulating the Local Plan, given the alterations in regulations being enforced by central government.

77. **BUCKS COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS:**

There were no matters for discussion.

78. **MATTERS FOR REPORT:**

i) **Public Toilets at Hervines Park**

The Clerk reported that a complaint had been received from a resident about the toilet at Hervines Park not being open to the public for use at the weekend. It was agreed that that Clerk should reply, explaining the decision taken by Council following significant and repeated vandalism damage, to keep the toilet locked outside normal depot working hours.

Part two

EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

That under Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admissions to meetings) Act 1960, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they include the likely disclosure of exempt information, stated to be confidential.

79. **ITEM RELATING TO ATC STAFF:**

80. **CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS FOR REPORT:**

i) **ITEM RELATING TO QUERY FROM LOCAL TRADER**

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Chairman.....

Date