

Amersham Town Council

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD ON 12 AUGUST 2019

PRESENT: Councillor R Jones
Councillor M Flys – Town Mayor
Councillor Ms C Jones
Councillor C Morgan
Councillor M Vivis

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs E Richardson - Town Clerk Finance & Policy
Mr M Richardson – Facilities Manager

21. **APOLOGIES:** Councillor J Cook – Deputy Town Mayor
Councillor Mrs B Dhanda
Councillor Mrs L Staite
Councillor Mrs L Walsh
Councillor M Grimson

22. **ABSENT NO APOLOGIES:** Councillor H Newton

23. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
There were no declarations of interest

24. **MINUTES:**

It was Proposed – Councillor M Vivis
Seconded – Councillor C Morgan

RESOLVED

With one amendment, the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on 10 June 2019 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

25. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE APPROVED MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 10 JUNE 2019:**

There were no matters arising.

26. **TO RECEIVE THE FINANCE REPORTS FOR MAY / JUNE 2019:**

- i) Income and Expenditure Reports for periods ending 31 May & 30 June 2019
- ii) Balance sheets as at 31 May & 30 June 2019
- iii) Accounts paid from 1 May to 30 June 2019

It was Proposed - Councillor M Flys
Seconded - Councillor Ms C Jones

RECOMMENDED that the finance reports for the period 1 May to 30 June 2019 be accepted.

27. **TO CONFIRM APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR FOR 2019/20:**

After discussion

It was	Proposed	Councillor C Morgan
	Seconded	Councillor M Flys

RECOMMENDED that:

Auditing Solutions be appointed as the Town Council's Internal Auditor for the 2019/20 financial year.

28. **TO CONFIRM APPOINTMENT OF DCK ACCOUNTING SOLUTIONS FOR ASSISTANCE IN BUDGET SETTING:**

After discussion

It was	Proposed – Councillor M Vivis
	Seconded – Councillor C Morgan

RECOMMENDED to appoint DCK Accounting Solutions for assistance with the budget setting for 2010/21 at £495 + mileage cost.

29. **PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL PLANTERS FOR SYCAMORE ROAD:**

Members had noted the previous e-mails from Steve Catanach regarding the additional planters for Sycamore Road, at a total cost of £3,450 for 6 planters. Steve anticipates being able to obtain sponsorship to cover most (if not all of the cost), with any shortfall being paid from the Britain in Bloom budget.

It was	Proposed Councillor R Jones
	Seconded Councillor C Morgan

RECOMMENDED that the purchase of the planters be approved, providing sponsorship is obtained to cover most of the cost.

30. **CHILTERN DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS:**

It was noted that the public consultation for the Local Area Plan had been extended. The Town Council had already submitted its comments.

31. **BUCKS COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS:**

There were no matters for discussion.

32. **UNITARY AUTHORITY UPDATE:**

There were no matters for discussion. The Clerk reported that she would be attending an informal Working Group meeting in early September to discuss possible devolved services under the new unitary authority.

33. **MATTERS FOR REPORT:**

The Clerk tabled a review of the Town Council’s forthcoming capital projects already agreed for the remainder of this financial year, together with reserves allocated from the capital budget for future projects.

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.

34. **ITEM RELATING TO DEPOT STAFFING:**

The meeting closed at 8.18pm

Chairman.....

Date

