

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION  
COMMITTEE HELD 11<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2018**

**Councillors Present:** Cllr. Margaret Allingham, Cllr. Connor Burgess, Cllr. Jerry Hall, Cllr. David Kinloch, Cllr. Jim Mitchell (Acting Chairman), Cllr. Ben Thomas, Cllr. Jane Welsh, Cllr. Chris Yates

**F800 Apologies**

Cllr. Ian Corben, Cllr. Keith House, Cllr. Cliff Morris, Cllr. Derek Pretty, Cllr. Shankerlal Sthankiya

**F801 To consider the Minutes of the meeting held 5 December 2017**

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 5 December 2017 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**F802 Correspondence**

- a) The Clerk Magazine, SLCC, Volume 49, Number 1;
- b) Clerks & Councils Direct, Issue 115, January 2018
- c) Request from Hampshire County Council to meet with representatives regarding the proposed Botley Bypass and the impact on the land at Bottom Copse along Woodhouse Lane. The Town Clerk advised that he is meeting with Hampshire County Council representatives for initial discussion. Members noted this with the request that a suitable compensation package needs to be raised and forms part of the meeting.

**F803 Matters to be Resolved**

**Approve BACS Hedge End Town Council Expenditure for December 2017**

The Town Clerk reported on the latest bank balances and the financial position of the Town Council.

**RESOLVED**

That the Town Council approves the BACS Hedge End Town Council expenditure for December 2017.

**F804 Matters for Recommendation**

**To discuss and approve a budget for the Hedge End Town Council for 2018/2019**

The Town Clerk made reference to the detailed tabled budget and accompanying papers explaining the budget and the relevant calculations on the precept and the taxbase impacts. Members considered the budget in some detail and that this contained all the project wish lists discussed. Members unanimously agreed that the Council Tax level of £88.54 should remain frozen at the 2017/2018 level. Therefore, a 0% in the Council Tax is calculated as being:  $88.54 + 0\% = £88.54$  (rounded). The Precept requirement would be £664,135.88 with a Support Grant of £31,178.48 = £695,314.36. Therefore, this would be £664,135.88 (Precept) divided by 7500.67 (taxbase) = £88.54.

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It was Proposed by Cllr. Jane Welsh, Seconded by Cllr. Ben Thomas and unanimously agreed to freeze the Council Tax for Hedge End Town Council for 2018/2019 with no increase and approve the budget as presented and to make this recommendation for formal Resolution at the January Full Council meeting. Motion Carried.

**F805 To consider and discuss the Community Governance Review**

The Town Clerk advised members of the current consultation being carried out by Eastleigh Borough Council as part of the Community Governance Review and made specific reference to a prepared report. The observations made in the report were considered in some depth. Members unanimously agreed to approve the report as an official response by Hedge End Town Council to the consultation exercise and to make this recommendation for formal Resolution to the January Full Council meeting.

**F806 To update on HEYCA**

The Town Clerk advised members that he has arranged a meeting with David Fairclough for Monday 15 January at 11.00am to discuss matters and to put forward the Town Council's views regarding the future of the management committee and the lease agreement. There will also be discussion concerning the required works to the building and the need to develop a business plan for restoration works.

There being no further business to transact, the Chairman closed the meeting at 19.42 hours.