



Long Stratton Town Council

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Chairman: Mr Kevin Worsley. Clerk: Mrs R Buck

Minutes of the Finance and Policy Management meeting held Thursday 29th August at 7pm in the Town Council office.

In attendance: Councillors Worsley, Tompkins, and Gladding.

Becky Buck (Clerk and RFO)

1. To consider apologies for absence
Councillor Pochin offered apologies for personal reasons.
2. To receive disclosures of interest and dispensations
There were no disclosures of interest or dispensation received.
3. To discuss budget, precept, ear marked and general reserves in depth with a view of the business case for the Methodist Church and other projects to be presented to Council on 9th September 2019
The Clerk provided the committee a business case, the Councils current financial position and an example budget for 2020/2021 based on the known financial commitments for 2020/2021 and what the budget could look like with the different variants.

The Committee reviewed all of the information and recommend the following 3 options for courses of action for Council consideration:

- a. The Council holds a consultation with the local community regarding increasing the precept to support the purchase of the Methodist Church and to ask South Norfolk District Council to zero rate business rates.
- b. The Council holds a consultation with the local community regarding increasing the precept to replace the MUGA (money in EMR), playground equipment and additional carparking.
- c. The Council replaces the MUGA using money in EMR.

It was recommended, should the Council consider option a or b that consultations be held in the Co-op and through the website as any potential decision could be time sensitive.

4. To resolve to exclude the press and public for reasons of confidentiality relating to personnel (LGA admission to meetings act 1960 s1(2))
There were no members of the press or public present.
The Clerk left the meeting.
5. To nominate a note taker in the Clerks absence
Councillor Gladdings was approved to take minutes in the Clerks absence.
6. To review for recommendation an overtime payment for the administrative assistant following year end
This was recommended for approval at full Council.
7. To review the Clerks contract for recommendation to Council
Report from meeting held with Norfolk ALC was provided. A proposal was agreed for Council recommendation.

With there being no further business; the Chairman closed the meeting at 21:52pm.

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