

MEMBERSHIP:
Cllr R. Boulton
Cllr A. Doherty
Cllr C. Foxall
Vacancy
Cllr J. Sanford
Cllr J. Nicholls (ex-officio)
Cllr S. Harrison (ex-officio)



**MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON Tuesday 21st DECEMBER 2021**

Present: Cllr Doherty Cllr Boulton
Cllr Foxall Cllr Sanford

In Attendance: Vanessa Lawrence, Roz Morton (Clerks)

- F46 21/22 To note Apologies for absence**
Apologies noted from Cllr Nicholls and Cllr Harrison
- F47 21/22 Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda**
Cllr Doherty declared an interest, although not pecuniary, but decided not to participate in Item F52 aside from answering any questions from other Councillors in his capacity as District Councillor.
- F48 21/22 To approve the Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 16th November 2021**
It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on the 16th November 2021 as a true and accurate record of the proceedings. Proposed Cllr Sanford, seconded Cllr Doherty – all in favour.
- F49 21/22 Clerk’s and Chairman’s Report**
None.
- F50 21/22 To agree to adjourn the meeting for Public Participation, if members of the public are present – there is a 5-minute time limit.**
N/A
- F51 21/22 To agree to reconvene the meeting following Public Participation (if applicable).**
N/A
- F52 21/22 To consider and agree budget changes as a result of CDC proposals to pass on costs for elections to Town & Parish Councils.**
Following recent notification from CDC and GAPTC regarding the CDC proposals to charge Town & Parish Councils in the CDC area for elections, meetings have been held (zoom), for Town and Parish Councils to voice their concerns. The Committee considered the reasons given by CDC, the only Council in Gloucestershire who have not charged for this in the past, and it was agreed that this FTC should consider putting aside a sum of money to start this process for the future. This would impact on the Precept. Cllr

Doherty was asked about how the charges were arrived at and he explained that it was combination of factors, but that this was a notional sum. Discussions were still ongoing at CDC as to how this would impact, especially relating to smaller councils.

Following further debate it was **RESOLVED** to recommend to Full Council £10k is set aside for 2022/23 with the potential that this might rise in 2023/24 if required. Proposed Cllr Foxall, seconded Boulton.

ACTION: Clerk to add this to the Agenda for the next Full Council meeting in January 2022.

F53 21/22 To consider and agree delegations for the Project Groups:

- **Skate Park**
- **Fairford – Lechlade multi-use path**
- **Community Building**
- **Burial Ground**
- **Transport Plan**

Discussion took place regarding delegation of certain powers to each of the Project Groups. It was felt that £2.5k would be an appropriate amount that might be spent by each of the groups, without having to defer to the Finance Committee. It was **RESOLVED** to recommend to Full Council that authority is given to each Group to spend a maximum of £2.5k in the initial stages of the project, if required. Anything over this amount would be referred to the Finance Committee. Proposed Cllr Foxall, seconded Cllr Doherty – all in favour.

ACTION: Clerk to add this to the Agenda for the next Full Council meeting in January 2022.

F54 21/22 To consider and agree final budget for 2022/23 for recommendation to Full Council in January.

The Clerk reported that receipt of increased charges for grasscutting had now been received. On checking the grasscutting charges it was clear that an error had been made in reducing the amount allocated for 2022/23 and that this should be amended and increased to £7.5k. Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** to set the budget as agreed at Full Council with amendment for grasscutting. Proposed Cllr Doherty, seconded Cllr Foxall – all in favour.

ACTION: Clerk to adjust budget sheet and circulate.

F55 21/22 To consider and agree funding for work to CCTV network to include replacement of failed ANPR camera.

The Clerk reported on balances for both budget lines relating to CCTV and that work for involve funding from both. It was **RESOLVED** to agree funding to be taken from both budget lines to enable work to resolve issues with receivers and repairs (£1770.20). Proposed Cllr Doherty, seconded Cllr Boulton – all in favour.

F56 21/22 To note engagement of consultant, O'Neill Homer, to carry out review of NDP document for submission under (Reg 16). Quote £1300.

It was noted that the Planning Committee have agreed to engage O'Neill Homer at a cost of £1300 to carry out review of NDP document for submission under (Reg 16). This to be taken from the planning budget.

F57 21/22 To consider and agree EMR for 2022/23

The Chair presented the figures on screen and adjustments were made to take into consideration new projects. On completion of the chart, it was **RESOLVED** to approve the EMR's for submission to Full Council. Proposed Cllr Doherty, seconded Cllr Sanford – all in favour.

ACTION: Clerk to add recommendation to the Agenda for the next Full Council meeting in January 2022.

- F58 21/22 To consider and agree Precept request for 2022/23 for recommendation to Full Council in January.**
 Giving due consideration to the amended budget figures, and the projects that the Council wishes to undertake in the next year and also possible implications regarding election costs, the Precept figure was set for recommendation to Full Council accordingly. It was **RESOLVED** to recommend that the Precept is set to £163936 a rise of £4.21 on a Band D property a 4.45% increase. Proposed Cllr Doherty, seconded Cllr Foxall – all in favour.
- F59 21/22 Other matters the Chair considers urgent.**
 None
- F60 21/22 Date of next meeting - 8th January 2022**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm.

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