

MINUTES OF THE CHINEHAM PARISH COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE

DATE: 9 October 2017
TIME: 7pm
PLACE: Parish Office, Chineham Village Hall
PRESENT: Cllr. Les Fryer (Chairman) Cllr. Steve Oakley
Cllr. Andy Clarke Sally Jackson (Clerk)

1. To receive and accept apologies for absence.

No apologies were received.

2. To sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 11 September 2017.

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 September 2017 were signed as a correct record.

3. To receive declarations of interest relevant to items on this agenda

No declarations of interest were received.

4. To discuss the half year accounts to 30 September 2017.

Following a discussion, it was noted that, excluding the allotments, there is a small surplus at the half year. It was acknowledged that care should be taken when considering further S.137 grant applications. It was further acknowledged that it is unlikely that there will be any surplus at the year end to transfer into the reserves. Cllr. Les Fryer advised that some income has been lost this year following the removal of the Limited General Grant and the reduction in the CTS Grant via Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council. It was suggested that consideration be given to increasing the precept in the near future although it was acknowledged that the Parish Council does have reserves. The Clerk confirmed that she will be reclaiming the VAT paid during the first six months.

5. To discuss the Clerk's, Assistant Clerk's and RRW's salaries.

The entry in the minutes relating to this item is confidential.

6. To discuss the 2018/19 budget.

During these preliminary discussions, it was noted that the Recreation Committee had just recommended a budget of up to £2,500 for a commemorative seat. It was also noted that if a mowing regime is agreed with Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council for Tollhouse Meadow, the Parish Council may be paying to have the arisings removed.

The meeting closed at 7.35pm

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Chairman