



ALDENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of the meeting of the **FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES** using video conferencing at 2.30pm on Wednesday 17th February 2021.

Present: Cllrs M Cherry (Chairman), E Samuelson, J Lefton, C Kilhams, D Lambert & D Wickham.

Officers: P Evans (PCM) & M Duong (Asst Manager).

101. Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllr S Khawaja.

102. Declarations of interest on any item on the Agenda – None

103. To adjourn the meeting for members of the public to address the Council (in accordance with Standing Order 3e)

There were no members of the public present.

104. To approve and adopt the minutes of the meeting held on 11th January 2021.

These minutes were signed by the Cllr M Cherry as true record of that meeting and adopted by the committee.

105. Managers' Report.

This report had been previously circulated and was noted.

106. Chairman's Announcements.

The Chairman stated that he had checked the recent bank reconciliations.

107. To consider the following requests from committees;

a) Community Development Committee – To release £7,000 from the events earmarked reserves to be put towards the 100 year Phillimore Recreation Ground celebration event in September 2021.

Cllr C Kilhams introduced this matter. She added that since the Community Development Committee meeting in December, the working party had obtained further sponsorship. There was some discussion regarding the event and whether it will proceed. It was therefore agreed to consider this matter again if the budget is below the expenditure considered.

b) Planning Committee – To employ a planning consultant to help with drafting a response to HertsmereBC regarding planning application number 21/0050/FULEI from the professional fees budget (admin).



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It was noted that the planning consultant had already been employed as the timescale was tight and executive action was taken by the PCM in conjunction with the Planning and Council Chairman to approach three companies to provide the report required. Two companies could not meet the timescales that APC had set, so David Lane Assoc were appointed within a budget of £3,500. Members agreed that the report had been very useful. It was then;

Resolved to endorse the executive action taken by the Clerk and Chairman and allocate a budget of £3,000 from admin – professional fees for employment of David Lane Assoc.

The Chairman then moved the following resolution;

That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s 1(2), the press and public is excluded from the meeting whilst matters pertaining to employees of the council or tenders are discussed.

108. To review the outcomes of the staff review.

This report had been circulated prior to the meeting. There was a long discussion regarding the report. There was a vote on item (i) with four voting for the recommendation, one against and one abstained. It was then;

Resolved that APC adopt items (i), (ii), (iii as amended) (iv), (v) and (vi), which, as they affect specific staff members will not be recorded.

The Chairman then resumed standing orders.

109. To consider budget proposals from all committees for 2021/22 and make a recommendation to the Council for a total precept demand for 2021/22 to Hertsmere Borough Council.

A report had been circulated prior to the meeting. As a result of the decision made under agenda item 8 the figures in this report were amended. Some other adjustments were made regarding to contingency and assumptions on possible cost of living pay rises before it was;

Recommended that the Full Council informs HertsmereBC that it requires a precept of £636,934 for 2021/22.

Next meeting 12th April 2021 – 2.30pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 3.49pm.

Chairman Date