

**Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held on Tuesday 18th July 2017 at the Community Office, Bruton at 7.30pm**

Present: Councillors: Anderton, Hall, Hood, Jones, Marsh and Robinson  
In the Chair: Councillor Hall  
In attendance: The Clerk

**1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Councillor Brownlow.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3. Minutes of the F & GP Committee meeting held on 10th January 2016**

It was proposed and seconded that the minutes of the meeting held on 10th January 2017 be adopted as a true and accurate record.

**Resolution adopted 6-0-0**

**4. Financial Update**

The Clerk presented details of the current financial position as at 30th June 2017. The accounts have now been transferred to the RBS software. It was noted that a new computer for the office would be needed at some point.

**5. HR Committee finances**

£3K has been precepted for additional staffing levels. It was noted that this figure will be needed to cover more than just salary, such as additional NI/pension contributions and office equipment.

**6. JPDP – MUGA Update**

Councillor Marsh reported that the funding application to Viridor has been rejected and all efforts to obtain a reason from Viridor have proved fruitless. There is an additional fee to pay to SSDC of £97.00 to discharge planning conditions. A Community Grant application has been submitted to SSDC on 10th July for £1K, the maximum allowed for the length of lease remaining on the site. S106 funding of £5906 is available from the New House Farm Development. It was **resolved 6-0-0** that the Clerk accept this offer. £8884 is to be vired from the JPDP Feasibility Study funds.

A promised from SSDC to provide each parish with a list of promised S106 money has not been forthcoming. Committee agreed that a system needs to be put in place to monitor funds.

**7. Confidential Business – Motion to exclude the public**

No members of the public were present.

**8. Unionist Club**

Committee discussed the future of the Unionist Club building and a report will be prepared for Council.

**9. Public Toilet Scheme**

The 3 year scheme has now ended and the Town Council has now discharged its commitments to the District Council. Discussion took place as to the way forward and Committee would like to recommend that, as the toilet scheme was included in the precept for this year, the scheme should continue for the coming year and future provision be decided at the next F&GP meeting to take place in the Autumn.

The next meeting of the F&GP Committee will take place on Tuesday 12th September 2017 followed by meetings in November 2017 and January 2018.

It was agreed to appoint Councillors Jones and Hood to the Unionist Club Working Group.

**Members of Council considered these matters in the exercise of their functions: Equal opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability): Crime and Disorder, Health and Safety and Human Rights.**