



HORNDEAN PARISH COUNCIL

FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT JUBILEE HALL ON
17TH OCTOBER 2022 AT 7:00 PM

PRESENT: Cllr D Alexander (Chairman), Cllr T Attlee, Cllr A Forbes, Cllr P Little
and Cllr B Raymond.

IN ATTENDANCE: Carla Baverstock-Jones, Chief Officer (Minute Taker); Simon
Ritson, Responsible Financial Officer.

**PUBLIC
ATTENDANCE:** One member of the public present.

F&GP 017/22/23 **TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies of absence were received from Cllr Mrs L Evans.

F&GP 018/22/23 **TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were received.

F&GP 019/22/23 **TO OPEN THE MEETING TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

The meeting was duly opened to members of the public.

F&GP 020/22/23 **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL
PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THE 01 AUGUST
2022**

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting
held on the 01 August 2022, are duly signed as a true record of the meeting.

All agreed.

F&GP 021/22/23 **TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER THE QUARTERLY MANAGEMENT
ACCOUNTS FOR PERIOD ENDING 30 SEPTEMBER 2022**

A report was circulated by the RFO, and a general discussion took place, within which the
EMR in respect of Professional Fees was queried insofar as to the level required. The RFO

advised it was difficult to predict, historically the EMR was seldom depleted but due to a number of recent boundary disputes, the Reserve had been called upon.

F&GP 022/22/23 **TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER THE REVISED DRAFT BUDGET FOR 2023/2024**

A report was circulated by the RFO and a discussion took place within which the RFO advised that the employers' pension contribution rate remains unchanged, and the tax base figure is yet to be received. The budget lines in respect of professional fees, playgrounds, and tree maintenance are volatile, and difficult to predict but if required could be reduced.

The EMR – Future Development Facilities £79,905 was discussed at length insofar as the funds should be included within the General Reserves, and not protected. Members are of the view that the fund does not form part of the Public Works Loan funding, and as such should be made available for general usage. The Chief Officer advised that it is a matter for Council and not within the remit of the RFO, and referred to Standing Orders as to the correct process.

The draft budget includes a precept rise of 8.6% which was approved by members. It was **RESOLVED** to recommend to Council the Draft Budget 2023/24 with a precept rise of 8.6%

F&GP 023/22/23 **TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER THE APPLICATIONS IN RESPECT OF THE FOLLOWING GRANTS:**

- **COMMUNITY LUNCH CLUB - £250**
- **HOME-START BUTSER - £500**

The applications and supporting paperwork were circulated, and following a discussion Members approved the grants, and it was agreed to recommend to Council for the awards to be approved as per the applications.

Meeting closed at 7.55pm

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Chairman

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