



Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee

The Committee met at 8.10pm on **Monday 3rd February 2020** in Committee Room 1 at the Parish Hall, Maldon Road, Great Baddow.

Councillor C Shaw chaired the meeting.

Present: Councillors C Shaw, A Sosin, V Chiswell, S Young, K Liley, M Mahil and P Sadowsky

In Attendance: Clare Milligan, Clerk to the Council
Cllr M Mahil
Cllr E Ball

069/20 Apologies for Absence
No apologies.

070/20 Declaration of Interests
There were no declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, Other Pecuniary Interests or Registerable Non-Pecuniary Interests.

071/20 Minutes
The minutes of the meeting held on 6th January 2020 were noted.

072/20 Public Question Time
There were no members of the public present.

073/20 Clerk's Report

1. Meadgate Bins – The Clerk advised these were emptied by CHP.
2. Library Bins – The Clerk is still to look into this.
3. Allotments within the Parish – The Clerk is still looking into this.

074/20 Financial Transactions

1. There were no amendments to the Expenditure for December 2019.
2. The Income as at the end of January 2020 was **£14,393.58** (£14,393.58 Net)
3. The Expenditure as at the end of January 2020 is **£41,944.39** (£39,294.33 Net)

The above items were proposed for acceptance by Cllr C Shaw, seconded by Cllr V. Chiswell and agreed unanimously.

All payments can be seen on Appendix A.

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075/20 Financial Review

A copy of the summary income and expenditure was circulated. The Clerk reported that as at the end of January 2020 the total expenditure stood at 81.1% and the total income at 98.4% of budget. The Clerk has no concerns about this. These were all accepted and agreed.

076/20 Councillors Expenses

Cllr V Chiswell advised that she felt that Councillors should be able to claim back their expenses when attending training or meetings on behalf of the Council. A discussion took place and Cllr Sosin proposed that all travel expenses are paid for Councillors for training and official business. Proposed by Cllr A Sosin, seconded by Cllr D Ronaldson and agreed unanimously. The Clerk will email round expense forms.

077/20 URC

A discussion took place regarding the situation at the URC and the lack of response from the Eastern Synod. Cllr S Young advised that she had found on the City Council website information regarding Asset of Community Value applications. It was proposed that the Clerk would write a statement for the website and Facebook page explaining what the council had undertaken so far; that the Clerk would look into the Asset of Community Value information and the council will keep investigating. Proposed by Cllr C Shaw, seconded by Cllr V Chiswell and agreed unanimously.

078/20 Children's Funeral Fund

The Clerk explained that back in 2019 the government set up the Children's Funeral Fund for England meaning that children's burial fees are to be claimed directly from the fund and not the parents/carers. It was proposed to accept these changes. Proposed by Cllr C Shaw, seconded by Cllr S Young and agreed unanimously.

079/20 Matters for information

1. Cllr A Sosin asked if the working party for the Terms of Reference will be meeting again before the Full Council meeting on Monday 10th February to discuss the comments that had been emailed round. Cllr V Chiswell advised that this would not be happening and a discussion about the Terms of Reference will take place in the meeting.
2. Cllr D Ronaldson advised that the manhole cover in Maldon Road outside the RSPCA was sunk and needed to be reported.
3. Cllr V Chiswell advised that the ponds were looking very good in the recreation ground and asked for this comment to be passed on.
4. Cllr S Young advised that Neighbourhood Watch in Great Baddow was looking more likely and that a meeting will be held shortly in the Parish Hall.
5. Cllr S Young advised that the City Council are very keen to link the CCTV in Meadgate to their CCTV monitors and offered to arrange a meeting for the councillors to see how this works. It was agreed to ask that the meeting be held at the Civic Centre, with a chance to view the CCTV monitoring room and see the system in operation.
6. Cllr P Sadowsky advised that he had sent round to all councillors a report from Councillor Bentley about the timetable for the demolishing of the Army & Navy flyover. He also advised that the

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consultation for what will replace the flyover will be between January and March 2021.

7. Cllr M Mahil advised that she is writing a small bio for each Councillor for the Baddow Times and that she will email this out to the relevant Councillor for them to read and comment on.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.10pm.

Signed.....*V. Curwell*.....Chairman.....*10/2/20*.....Date