

**WIRKSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL – FINANCE, BUILDINGS & PERSONNEL
COMMITTEE 12 DECEMBER 2016 at 6:30pm**

FBP079/16 Present: Cllr A Clamp (Chairman), Cllr G Gratton, Cllr P Taylor and Cllr C Whittall.

In attendance: 3 members of public, Paul Jennings (Town Clerk)

FBP080/16 Apologies: Cllr I Fisher, Cllr A Pollock

FBP081/16 Variation of Order of Business: none

FBP082/16 Members' Pecuniary Interests in Agenda Items: None declared.

Open Forum commenced 6.35pm

FBP083/16 Open Forum: Dave Brown (chair of Transition Wirksworth Community Land Trust Steering Group) spoke in support of the grant application and to provide further information regarding the Community Land Trust. The group also advised that they would be adopting a constitution (with support from DDCVS) and establishing a bank account, and therefore amending their application and were no longer requesting the Town Council pay invoices on the groups behalf.

Open Forum closed 6:50pm

FBP084/16 To confirm the accuracy of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance Buildings & Personnel Committee held on 14 November 2016

The minutes of the meeting of the Finance, Buildings & Personnel Committee dated 14 November 2016 were confirmed as a correct record.

FBP085/16 Monthly Budget Balance:

The monthly budget balance was circulated for information.

RECOMM: That the monthly figures be noted, that £1000 be transferred to Budget Line 31 Donations, £2000 to be transferred to Budget Line 14 and Budget line 47 Unallocated be reduced by £3000.

FBP086/16 Request for Grant Funding (£300) Community Land Trust Steering Group

The Town Council / Neighbourhood Plan identified the need for the Town Council to support the establishment of a Community Land Trust

RECOMM: That a grant of £300 be paid to the Steering Group once a bank account has been established.

FBP087/16 Budget 2017/18 including Precept

The clerk circulated a revised draft budget based upon a static funding level (£124000), as this is the final year of the DDC grant, to retain the same level of funding will require an increase in precept of £3000.

RECOMM: That subject to any revisions following discussion of priorities at Full Council on 19/12/16 the precept request be £124000 for 2017/18.

FBP088/16 Concessionary Lettings

Cllr Taylor expressed concern that the current basis of recording concessionary lets may lead to a misunderstanding of the level of financial costs to the council of providing the booking.

RECOMM: The concessionary lets continue to be recorded based upon the cost of usage (i.e. what it would cost for the group if they were to pay for the booking), but for larger concessions an estimate of the loss of revenue also to be included/recorded.

FBP089/16 Display of Art in Club Room Corridor

The current system is complicated and already show signs of wear.

RECOMM: That the clerk arrange for the system of hangers to be replaced by felt display/pin boards upto a cost of £200.

FBP090/16 Transfers of Land from DDDC

RECOMM: That the clerk advise DDDC that the land transfers are unacceptable in their current format, that the Town Council will only accept transfer of the assets without obligation/condition.

FBP091/16 Rent Review of WTC Commercial /Retail Premises

RECOMM: That the clerk note that the only property not being charged at market rate is the Library, which is currently undervalued by £4000. That the clerk approach DCC as part of the rent review within the lease and seek an increase in rental from £11000 to £13000, seeking a further increase to £15000 at the next review.

FBP092/16 Repair to Memorial Hall Clock

The clerk advised that repair (including battery change) requires a scaffold/cherry picker to access the clock.

RECOMM: That the clerk arrange repair, however should further repair be required, then consideration be given to repositioning the clock workings inside the Memorial Hall to improve access.

FBP093/16 War Memorials

The clerk reported that Petts Stonemasons undertook a review of both the Bolehill and Wirksworth War Memorial following concerns raised by residents regarding their condition. The Memorial in the garden adjacent to the Hall is in a very good state of repair. The Bolehill Memorial does require a small amount of pointing, but otherwise is in a good condition.

RECOMM: That the clerk arrange for minor remedial works to the Bolehill Memorial.

The meeting closed at 7:45 p.m

.....Chairman