

WASHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL



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Finance Committee Meeting

DRAFT MINUTES of the Finance Committee Meeting held on the 16th November 2015.

PRESENT: Cllr Britt, Beglan and Heeley

ALSO: Clerk to the Council Ms Gina Condie

Members of the public: 0

Cllr Britt opened the Meeting at 20:30 hours

1. To Receive Nominations for and elect a chairman of the Committee

Cllr Britt was nominated by Cllr Heeley and seconded by Cllr Beglan. Cllr Britt was duly elected as chair.

2. To consider accepting apologies for absence

Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Thomas (holiday).

3. To record declarations of interest from members in any item to be discussed and agree dispensations

None declared.

4. To approve the Minutes of the last Finance Committee meeting held on 20th April 2015

The Minutes of the Meeting on the 20th April were **agreed** and duly signed by the Chairman.

5. To receive, review and recommend the draft budget and 2016/17 precept

Cllr Britt thanked the clerk for preparing the draft Budget (which had been circulated to the Committee). The budget was then discussed in detail by the Committee.

The Committee felt that modification to the children's play area should be seen as a priority for 2016/7 and agree to move £2500 from the earmarked reserve, Neighbourhood Plan and Housing Survey, to the capital reserve for the children's playground replacement. £28605.14 has also been earmarked from S106 monies for this project.

Draft tax base figures have been received from HDC as follows:

Council tax grant - £398 (£663 in 2015/6)

Tax base of 1037.2 (998.2 in 2015/6)

The Committee **agree to recommend** to the Full Council that there should be no increase in precept. This was agreed on the basis that according to the draft figures from HDC, Washington Parish would receive £37,930.40 in 2016/7, in comparison to the amount of £36142.13 in 2015/6. It was considered that the deficit in the budget of approx. £2000 could be offset by the reserves held in the bank.

It was agreed that these proposals would be presented to Full Council in January as by then HDC may have confirmed the council tax and the tax base figures.

The meeting was closed at 21:15 hours