

MIDDLETON-ON-SEA PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting
Wednesday 4th December 2019

PRESENT – Councillors Mrs Claxton (Chairman), Mrs Haywood and the Clerk

1. APOLOGIES – Mrs Pendleton

2. MINUTES – The minutes of the Finance Committee held on the 5th December 2018 and 6th March 2019 having been circulated were approved and signed.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – There were none.

4. PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD – No members of the public were present.

5. FORWARD PLAN – The Clerk having previously circulated a report was noted by members.

6. MATTERS ARISING

1) Update on actions from previous meetings – The Clerk having previously circulated a report was noted by members.

2) Agree 2020/2021 Budget & Precept – The members of the committee reviewed the draft budget following meetings with the Parish Council sub-committees where their budget figures were included. The committee agreed to the following amendments to the draft budget,

Draft Budget before amendments	£48,620
Amendments	
1) Remove Sea Defence Contingency	-£100
2) Increase Tree Planting and Maintenance by	£250
3) Reduce contribution to Pond & Green Charity by	-£1,000
4) Provide for improvements to Sports Pavilion	£1,000
Draft Budget after amendments	£48,770

Following the amendments to the budget the committee agreed to recommend a parish precept of £49,000 which equates to a 4.25% increase on the previous year but is within the 5 Year Forward Plan goal of a year on year increase below 5%.

3) Operation Watershed – Joint Bid Request – The committee agreed to a request to support an Operation Watershed application covering North Avenue and North Avenue East. This application also requires County Councillor approval.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 7.41 p.m. The next meeting date has yet to be determined.