

MIDDLETON-ON-SEA PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Finance Committee
Wednesday 5th December 2018

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

1. APOLOGIES – None

2. MINUTES – The Minutes of the Finance Committee held on the 1st August 2018 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. MATTERS ARISING

Agree 2019/2020 Budget & Precept

The Clerk having circulated the draft budget to members following the review of the sub-committees budgets for 2019/2020 was discussed by the committee. Mr Allsopp stated that the Parish Council have contributed £8,000 over the last three years to the Pond & Green Charity and was expecting no contribution in 2019/2020. Following representations from Councillor Mrs Mills (Chairman of Pond & Green Charity) to the General Purposes Committee that the sum of £2,000 be allocated for day to day running costs in the budget for 2019/2020, after discussion this was agreed by the General Purposes Committee and the draft budget has now been amended. Mr Allsopp stated that the revised budget is now £47,045 and includes the recovery of election costs of £2,240.

After some further discussion it was agreed to accept the amended budget of £47,045 for 2019/2020 and recommend an increased precept over the previous year of £47,000 (previous year precept of £45,000). This amounts to an increase on the previous year precept of 4.44%

NatWest Bank – Returned Cheques

The Clerk reported that NatWest Bank will not be returning payment cheques to the Parish Council in the future which form part of the audit trail for the internal auditor and have also removed bank charges that the Parish Council were paying. The Finance Committee agreed that the cheques stub will now be signed by the signatories of the cheques which will provide the internal auditor with the necessary authorisation of the payment.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Clerk reported that following the circulation of the Hobbs Allotments AGM Minutes he has received an email from the Parish Clerk at Ford Parish Council. The email relates to the shortfall in income that the Hobbs Allotments have calculated for next year of £600 and are requesting that the three parish councils involved with the allotments to provide a grant to cover this loss of income. The committee requested that the Clerk review the

Allotment Agreement and to advise the committee on what grant it would need to make if all the parish councils agree to contribute.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 7.10 p.m. The next meeting date has yet to be determined.