

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE
OF TRING TOWN COUNCIL HELD VIRTUALLY ON
MONDAY 11th DECEMBER 2021 AT 8:50 p.m.**

Present: Councillors: C. Townsend (Chairman)

P. Elley

P. Hearn

R. Ransley

Also present:

Mrs L. Housden (Town Clerk)

Mrs. D. Slade (Deputy Town Clerk)

Cllr. Hollinghurst

Cllr. Nutkins

20319. APOLOGIES

Cllr H. Piper given her apologies (Prior appointment)

20320. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Hearn expressed an interest in the budget preparations as she is a Trustee of the Tring Youth Project and a pecuniary interest in matters relating to the review of property rents.

20321. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 9^m NOVEMBER 2020

RESOLVED: To accept the Minutes as presented and for the Chairman to sign them when safe to do so.

20322. MATTERS OF REPORT FROM THE MINUTES

Nothing to report

20323. CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS

The Clerk gave:

- Details of a Housing Community Grant Scheme and details would be added to the Council's website.
- An update from Rennie Grove Hospice Care in respect to the grant the Council had made to them.

20324. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public present nor email communications from members of the public received.

20325. THE BUDGET 2020/21

A draft budget was circulated prior to the meeting – the draft incorporated the items identified at the Council meeting held on 21st December 2020 and some changes as a result of recent information. All the amendments were reviewed.

RESOLVED: To recommend adoption of the draft budget, financed by a 2% increase in the precept, by the Council at the meeting on 25th January 2021. The allocations for the Grants and the Job Show to be left as shown. £3,000 to be allocated for Climate Change and £5,000 for Local Plan consultation advice. The balance of £1,794 to be added to repairs and maintenance to cover repairs to allotment access and electrics for Church Square. £5,000 be earmarked from reserves for a COVID and High Street recovery reserve.

20326. GRANT APPLICATIONS

None Received

20327. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

A resolution was considered that under section I of the Public Bodies (admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the public and press be excluded during the following items of the agenda for this meeting, because it is likely that publicity would prejudice the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business.

RESOLVED: To exclude members of the press and public.

Councillor Hearn left the meeting before the next item was heard

20328. REVIEW OF COUNCIL PROPERTY RENTS

In light of the current Coronavirus situation the Deputy Clerk outlined the rent position with the information she currently held.

RESOLVED: To note the position but to wait until further information was available and if any requests for rent reviews were actually received.

The meeting ended at 9:40p.m. Chairman