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FINANCE AND STRATEGY COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held on 08 January 2012

Present: Cllr. P Baden, Cllr. V Carter, Cllr. S Haynes, Cllr. P Pike,
Cllr. R Jakeman and Cllr. A Winter

In attendance: Jeanne Pike, Clerk

01 Apologies:

Cllr. K Fouhy tendered his apologies which were accepted.

02 Declaration of Interest in items on the agenda:

None

03 Public Participation:

There were no members of the public present.

04 December Finance Statement:

The Clerk presented the December Finance Statement Proposal: That the finance statement for December 2012 be accepted and passed to Full Council for ratification and the approvals passed for payment, proposed by Cllr. R Jakeman and seconded by Cllr. A Winter with **all in favour**
Pass to Full Council for ratification

05 Groundsman's Contract:

There were no extra financial considerations for the Groundsman for December.

06 Budget Statement October – December 2012:

The Clerk presented the figures for the first three quarters of the year being April to December 2012. All income and expenditure were well within budget and Cllr. S Haynes proposed that the figures be approved, seconded by Cllr. P Pike with **all in favour**.

07 Town Awards:

Two nominations have been received to date both for the same recipient. A request for nominations has been posted on the notice board and will be delivered to each household via the newsletters due to be delivered at the end of January.

08 Council Tax Leaflet:

The Clerk has to provide a statement of the Budget for 2013/2014 that will be issued to each household via ENC. A copy of the proposed statement was issued to members and the statement was approved with **all in favour**.

09 Barnes Noble Edwards survey:

The Clerk reported that BNE had not yet surveyed the properties concerned so this matter will be deferred. **Pass to February F&S**

10 Play Equipment Quotes:

Further to the proposed play equipment to be installed in the Peace Memorial Park Cllr. A Winter listed six quotes he had received for different options. These came from four different manufacturers and the prices ranged from £17,487 to £17,500. Students at King John School are to be asked to vote for their preferred piece of equipment before a final decision is made. Further information will be provided by Cllr. Winter when it is available.

11 Clerk's Report:

- 1) Letters of thanks from CHAT and the Alzheimer's Society for the £100 donation to each sent from the firework display collection.
- 2) Information received from SLCC and NCALC that parish councils would not be capped for the coming year.
- 3) An SLCC Practitioners conference will be held on Friday 1st March 2013 at the Radisson, East Midland Airport. The Clerk will consider the options for attendance and report back to the Council.
- 4) Mr Kundera has requested permission to purchase a town flag and fly it in the USA. The Clerk will write with the Council's permission.
- 5) Report from Sharn Matthews, Monitoring Officer, on Parish Precepts and Council Tax support arrangements; issued to all councillors.
- 6) Letter informing Council that the amendment request to planning permission 11/01234 to proposed delivery hours will be considered at the meeting of the Development Control Committee on Wednesday 16 January 2013 at 7 pm.

12 Items for Future Agendas:

- 1) To discuss funding possibility - the how to obtain and from whom. **F&S February**
- 2) Can the Council be of help to businesses in the town? **PLA and F&S February**

There being no other relevant business the meeting closed at 8.00pm.