



Long Stratton Town Council

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Minutes of the Finance and Policy Management meeting held 26th October 2020 @ 7pm via Zoom.

In attendance: Councillors Kevin Worsley, Mark Gladding, Sue Smith, Kelly Lunness, Matt Pochin and Bob Mackenzie

Becky Buck (Clerk and RFO)

1. To consider apologies for absence

There were no apologies of absence received.

2. To receive disclosures of interest and dispensations

Councillor Worsley declared that he is a Director on Norfolk ALC Co-operative. He privately employs the Council's Groundsman and he has a pecuniary interest in item 6 as distributor for Utility Warehouse.

3. To confirm the minutes of the previous Finance and Policy Management Committee meeting held on the October 5th 2020.

The minutes of the meeting held 5th October were approved as a true record. The Chairman will sign them at the next available opportunity.

4. To discuss and decide on budget for 2021/2022

The committee reviewed the Council's known financial commitments and went through the budget in detail. The Committee approved the final draft budget for recommendation to Council with a 5% precept rise with the shortfall to make the budget balance to be taken from Ear Marked Reserves.

5. To close the meeting to press and public under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 due to the disclosure of confidential information (land, contracts, staffing matters)

There were no members of the public present.

6. To discuss and decide on WIFI & phone contract. (report to be tabled.)

All committee members read the report. Councillor Worsley left the meeting and Councillor Gladding as Vice-Chair took over as Chairman.

Following a discussion, the Committee approved breaking the contract (subject to no financial penalty) with Utility Warehouse on the grounds of poor service. The Clerk to write a letter with a 14-day notice period. The Clerk was delegated authority to replace the service subject to the quote guidance in Financial Regulations.

Councillor Worsley was re-admitted to the meeting and informed of the resolution.

With there being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:45pm.

Signed.....Date.....