

LISS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Finance Committee held on 14th December 2016.

Members: Cllr H Linsley * Cllr K Budden
* Cllr D Dodds * Cllr R Hargreaves
Cllr B Mayo * Cllr A Smith
* Cllr A Wright (Chairman) * Present

Clerk: R Bowery

31/FIN/16 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Linsley & Mayo.

32/FIN/16 Declarations of interests

There were no declarations.

33/FIN/16 Minutes of the meeting of 24th October 2016

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting of 24th October, proposed by Cllr Dodds & seconded by Cllr Hargreaves, were approved as a correct record & signed by the Chairman.

34/FIN/16 Consideration of the budget for 2016/17

The Clerk confirmed that all grant applicants had now supplied the necessary support papers. Confirmation of band D dwelling numbers & the continuation of the Government Support Grant had been received from EHDC.

A paper prepared by Cllr Dodds & the Clerk had been circulated detailing costs for the pavilion development project assuming a construction start date of 1st January 2018. There were no running cost implications but assuming that a PWLB facility of £350000 being required then a liability of £5500 for one quarter's repayment had been added to the draft 2017/18 budget.

The revised draft budget was now as follows:

	<u>16/17</u>	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>17/18</u>	<u>Revised budget</u>
Precept	176776	189000		194500
Band D houses	2490.03	2510.13		2510.13
Cost per house	70.994	75.295		77.486
Increase over 16/17		6.059%		9.145%
Precept minus Govt Support Grant:				
	165050.5	177274.51		182774.51
Cost per house	66.285	70.624		72.815
Increase over 16/17		6.546%		9.851%

There was a debate on the necessity of including the loan servicing charge costs in the budget for 2017/18.

Cllr Smith felt that the charge should be met from reserves held in the pavilion development bank account & no charge should be added to the precept until there was a definitive position on the project.

Cllrs Dodds & Hargreaves felt that it was only prudent to include the charge & that initial survey feedback from residents was that they were content to meet the possible increased precept in order to have the new facility.

Cllr Hargreaves said that the plan for the pavilion reflected a positive & prudent move.

On a vote it was decided to include the charge in the 17/18 precept. The vote was four in favour with one abstention.

It was agreed that the cost of the loan servicing should be shown as a separate item in the budget papers.

There were no further adjustments to the draft budget.

Decision: That a budget of £194500 for the 2017/18 financial year be recommended to Council.

35/FIN/16 Application for grant funding

- i) An application for a grant of £2000 towards survey costs had been received at Council on 21st November from District Councillor Mr Kendall on behalf of the Liss Flood Action Group & been referred to this committee for decision.

In discussion it was agreed that LPC needed a greater level of detail on the proposal including sight of quotations for proposals, potential costs on any outcome, the availability of funding to deliver any project identified, why EHDC were not prepared to fund the study & if any of the downstream beneficiaries (Steep PC & Petersfield TC) had been approached for funding. However, Members also recognised that it was in the interest of Liss residents to prevent future flooding and there was some obligation on the Council to contribute to the project

Decision: The Chairman would write to the FAG expressing support but requesting more information before any commitment could be made.

- ii) A request had been received from the Kings Arms for £300 towards the costs of a lunch support club for young carers at Bohunt school.

Decision: The grant was approved subject to a similar approval from Bramshott & Liphook PC. The Clerk was requested to obtain information relating to the ongoing funding of the operation.

36/FIN/16 Any other business

It was agreed that the Council's grants & donations policy should be an agenda item at the next meeting.

It was agreed that the requirements of the Financial Regulations be on the agenda at the

The meeting was closed at 20.45 hrs.

Next Meeting: 30th January 2017