STREET PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting of the Policy and Finance Committee held on 5th November,

2019 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor C.E. Axten (Chair)

Councillors: P. Goater and A. Prior

PRESENT BY Councillors: P. Birch and T.W.E. Napper

IN ATTENDANCE: L.A. Ruff – Clerk

APOLOGIES: Councillors: S. Carswell and H. Shearer –

another engagement – reasons accepted

16. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 3rd September,

2019 which had been circulated, were approved as a correct record

and signed by the Chairman.

17. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

In accordance with the Code of Conduct Councillor Napper declared

a personal interest in the grant application from Wessex Youth Football

Club as his grand daughter was a member and took no part in the

consideration of this item.

18. GRANTS

The Clerk submitted a report which had been circulated.

RESOLVED

that the following grants be made for 2019/20 -

The Withys Social Club £ 470

1st Street Scout Group – meeting about the new scout £ 631

hut to be arranged in January

Mendip Disabled Association £ 600

Street Striders Running Club £ 600

Glastonbury FM – request listening figures £ 600

Wessex Youth Football Club – ask College to reduce astro £1,000

fees in view of £40,000 given for the astro and sports hall.

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19. ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE AND PRECEPT FOR 2020/2021

The Clerk submitted a report which had been circulated, including a

confidential section for members only detailing staff salaries etc. The

Committee wished to record their gratitude to the Clerk for producing

the detailed report and explaining it clearly at the meeting so that they

understood it. It was felt that any unspent funds from the allocation for

issues in Street - vulnerable families etc. of £55,000 in 2019/20 could

be used towards the cost of altering the Council’s building as the new

allocation in 2020/21 would fund an additional Parent Family Support

Adviser etc.

It was agreed that the Clerk and Councillor Prior would produce a

summary of the report for members to explain that the main reason for

increasing the precept was to balance income with expenditure and

showing the cost of altering the building separately.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

A**. that the following be provisionally agreed and adjustments**

**considered in January when the exact costs of altering the Parish**

**Rooms were known** –

the report and the Estimates for 2020/21 as attached as Annex A to the

minutes in the Minute Book and the precept on Mendip District Council

for 2020/21 to be in the sum of £460,000 – an increase of 16.5% or

£17.26 (33p a week) on a Band D property (council tax base to be

confirmed in mid December and figures revised accordingly)

B. that subject to A above the information for the council tax section

of the District Council’s website be as attached as Annex B to the

minutes in the Minute Book

C. that subject to A above the general revenue reserves be set at

£190,000 for 2020/21 to maintain current assets such as Street Skate

Park, the Parish Rooms and Merriman Park and fund new projects or

Services as they arise.

20. AMENDMENT OF FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

The Clerk submitted a report which had been circulated.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

that minor amendments are made to Financial Regulations as set out

in Annex C to the minutes in the Minute Book.

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21. RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2019

The Clerk submitted reports which had been circulated. The detailed

income and expenditure report by code at 30th September 2019

appears as Annex D to these minutes in the Minute Book. Attention

was drawn to the following significant variations between the budget

set and the income/expenditure.

1101 to 1109 Staffing

Saving of over £28,000 on staff costs as the former Neighbourhood

Plan Officer left on 31st March 2019 and the new Assistant Clerk and

Projects Officer will not start until 2nd January 2020.

1361 Elections

£8,822 unspent as there were no elections in May 2019.

1179 Grants Received

£1,555 Section 106 funding received from Mendip District Council for

the refurbishment of the bus shelters by the Crispin Hall.

RESOLVED

that the report be noted.

22. PERIODIC REPORTS AND INSPECTIONS

The Clerk submitted a report which had been circulated.

RESOLVED

that the report be noted.

The meeting ended at 9.15 p.m.

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