

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE OLD COURT ROOM, THE SESSIONS HOUSE, LOUTH
ON TUESDAY 18th OCTOBER 2016**

Present Councillor F.W.P. Treanor (FWPT) (in the chair)

Councillors: Mrs. E. Ballard JP (EB), Mrs. D. Blakey (DB), C. Green (CG), J. Garrett (JG), D.J.E. Hall (DJEH), Mrs. L. Harrison-Wiseman (LHW), D. Hobson (DH), G.E. Horton (GEH), R. Jackson (RJ), A. Leonard (AL), Mrs. S.E. Locking (SEL), M. Locking (ML), Mrs. J. Makinson-Sanders (JMS), Mrs. J. Speed (JS), L.M. Stephenson (LMS), Mrs. M. Ottaway MBE (MO), Mrs. P.F. Watson (PFW), D.E. Wing (DEW)

Councillors not present: Mrs. S. Crew (SC) and D. Turner (DT)

The Town Clerk, Mrs. L.J. Blankley, her Secretary, Mrs. L.M. Phillips, The Mayor's Serjeant, Mr. G. Darnell, The Mayor's Chaplain, Reverend N. Brown and four members of the public were also present.

Members of public spoke in the Public Forum, as follows:

265. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs. SC, DT, Mrs. DB and Mrs. LHW.

266. Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman had no remarks to make.

267. Declarations of Interest / Dispensations.

The following declaration of interest was made:

- a. Cllr. Mrs. P.F. Watson – any item from or relating to ELDC – as a member of ELDC.

268. Minutes

Following a proposal by Cllr. DEW, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. SEL, it was **RESOLVED** by vote of the Committee that the notes of the meeting held on 13th September 2016 be approved as the Minutes.

269. Town Clerk's Report on Matters Outstanding

The Town Clerk had no outstanding matters to report on.

270. Financial Reports

The Committee received copies of and received a recommendation from FOG regarding the authorisation of:

a. Receipts and Payments

Cash Book 1

i. Month 4 Receipts £10,532.84 Payments £16,423.46

ii. Month 5 Receipts £2.76 and Payments £22,454.83

Proposed by Cllr. AL, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. SEL.

Cash Book 2

i. Month 4 Receipts £200.00 Payments £160.17

ii. Month 5 Receipts £200.00 Payments £133.59

Proposed by Cllr. AL, seconded by Cllr. CG.

- b. Budget Variance Report as at Month 6 (30th September 2016) to be circulated or Month 5 (31st August 2016) if not available. Proposed by Cllr. AL, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. SEL.

271. Committee Budget 2017/18

The Committee receive a Budget Working paper with current budget, month 5 expenditure to date and full year projection prepared by the Town Clerk (and Responsible Financial Officer). Following a proposal by Cllr. Mrs. SEL, seconded by Cllr. RJ it was **RESOLVED** that the Budget Working paper should be authorised.

272. 2017/18 Local Government Finance Settlement Consultation

The Committee received and perused a written response by FOG and the Responsible Financial Officer to the above consultation. Following a proposal by Cllr. RJ, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. EB it was **RESOLVED** to submit the response prepared by FOG and the Responsible Financial Officer to the above consultation in which there are proposals to introduce referendum principles to Parish Councils.

273. Next Meeting

Councillors noted that the date of the next scheduled meeting was 29th November 2016.

The Meeting Closed at 10.02pm.

Signed _____ (Chairman)

Dated _____

Draft For Approval