



# WINTERTON TOWN COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Policy & Finance Committee Meeting held on Monday 11th February, 2019 at 7.00pm at the Council Offices, 52 West Street, Winterton

### Present:

Cllr I. Cawsey (Chair)  
Cllr L. Cawsey

Cllr P. Coath (Deputy Chair)  
Cllr L. Langton

Cllr B. Bridge

Cllr D. Johnson – Ex officio

### Public Participation:

No members of the public were in attendance.

#### 1902/1 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs P. McCartan and V. Mumby.

#### 1902/2 Declaration of Interests

- a. No Declarations of Interests were made.
- b. No dispensations were granted..

#### 1902/3 Accounts

The committee were presented with the Summary of Receipts and spend report and the spend against budget report, up to the 31<sup>st</sup> January. The Clerk reported one area of overspend in the coming months, the phone/broadband budget. Cllr I. Cawsey advised looking into alternative providers to reduce costs going forward.

The committee had no further questions.

#### 1902/4 2019/20 Budget

The Clerk presented the draft 2019/20 budget to the committee. Cllr I. Cawsey explained the overspend on the budget of £17,241. This is the first year the Council has budgeted for the Business Rates tariff for the Community Pavilion which accounts for the majority of the overspend. The committee also agreed to move £4,000 allocated to the church into Ear Marked reserve fund, and as a result, removing it from the Councils income. This year the Council received a grant of nearly £3000 for its In Bloom committee. The Council can cover the overspend within its working reserves without affecting its Ear marked or general reserves.

**Recommendation: The committee recommends the Council approves the draft 2019/20 budget.**

- 1902/5 Reserves Policy
- a. Appendix C: The committee considered the draft Reserves Policy.  
**Recommendation: The committee recommends the Council adopts the draft Reserves Policy subject to approval from ERNLLCA.**
- b. Appendix D: The committee considered the updated Reserves Statement dated the 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2019.  
**Recommendation: The committee recommends the approved grant for All Saints Church, for the value of £4,000 awarded in 2012, be included in the Ear Marked Reserves and therefore listed on the statement.**  
**Recommendation: The committee recommends the Council approves the revised Ear Marked Statement with the additional information as detailed above.**
- 1902/6 Publication of Precept/Budget Information 2019/20  
The committee considered the breakdown of budget areas for publication.  
**Recommendation: The committee recommends the Council approves the precept/budget breakdown as detailed.**
- 1902/7 Agenda for next and future meetings  
Items to be included on the next agenda:
- WCP Business Plan
- 1902/8 Next Meeting  
The committee agreed to arrange a meeting in April, date and time to be confirmed.