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## MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 6.30PM ON TUESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2018 AT THE ELMS

In attendance: Cllrs Peter Noel (Chair), Paul Oatway (Vice Chair), Martin Sayers and the Clerk, Lisa Tuck (based on the 17/18 Finance Committee until new Chairs of Committee have been appointed at the end of June)

### FG8.1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from David Clifford (previous engagement) and Judith Sheppard (previous engagement).

### FG8.2 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

### FG8.3 MINUTES

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on the 8<sup>th</sup> May 2018, circulated to members, were a correct record and were signed by the Chair.

### FG8.4 ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL (JUNE)

**RESOLVED** to pay the Accounts for Approval for June (attached A).

### FG8.5 ELMS CLEANING

Following circulation of the report (attached B), it was

**RESOLVED** to accept the recommendation in the report to appoint contract cleaners (iclean) to clean the Elms using the budget provision as set out.

### FG8.6 RESPONSE TO INTERNAL AUDITOR'S LETTER/REPORT 2017/18

The report circulated (attached C) was agreed to be a fair response to the allegations made by the Internal Auditor as part of the 17/18 Internal Audit report. It was

**RESOLVED** to accept the report as an explanation for the changes to the progress of the Elms Flat refurbishment.

### FG8.7 RESPONSE FROM WDDC REGARDING SUBMISSION OF PROPOSED CIL PROJECTS

Further to confirmation from WDDC that only new community infrastructure projects can be included, the list would be passed back to the Committees to see how the projects could be amended to ensure inclusion. If necessary, liaison with the village groups would be undertaken.

### FG8.8 COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP ENGAGEMENT BETWEEN UNITARY AND PARISH COUNCILS

An email had been received from Nick Randle of LGRC on behalf of WDDC regarding the future of the Lower Sea Lane toilets. It was agreed that the Council are certainly open to discussion with regard to the future of these toilets but would also like to talk about the Foreshore toilets which are currently on a long

repairing lease to WDDC (approx. 75 years to run) and the possibility of the transfer of the car park in Lower Sea Lane as part of a deal. It is believed that the car park, which is believed to be the least profitable of WDDC's car parks, could be a more cost effective asset to the Community if run by the Parish Council's own car park staff. The Clerk would draft a response to Nick Randle along these lines and seeking a meeting, for the Committee to approve.

#### **FG8.9 CHANGE TO CASH DEPOSIT ARRANGEMENTS FROM AUGUST 2018**

A letter has been received from Santander confirming that only full bags of coins and up to a total of £250 will be able to be banked through the Post Office from August 2018. **Post Meeting Note: Steve Pile, Charmouth Sub-Postmaster recommends writing to both Santander and the Post Office in the strongest terms as he completely sympathises with the Council and understands that this will affect many small businesses. Steve is to draft a possible letter to be sent.** The Clerk also confirmed that the banking arrangements have not been changed as agreed in 2017 yet as it has taken much longer than expected to change all the signatories, especially with resignations in between, and having finally sorted out the internet banking for Nat West, there are now other issues relating to personal accounts being shown with the Council accounts. The Committee agreed that until all ongoing issues are resolved, the status quo with current bank accounts remain.