

**ALBRIGHTON PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE  
22<sup>nd</sup> December 2015 at 4.00 pm in the Red House**

Minutes of the Albrighton Parish Council Finance Committee meeting held on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2015 at 4.00 pm in the Red House.

**PRESENT:** Cllrs. S Pledger (Chairman), P Harrison, C Hassall, P Woodman.

In attendance: M Ward, Clerk to Albrighton Parish Council

**1. APOLOGIES:**

There were no apologies for absence.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

**To receive declarations under consideration on this agenda in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 s32 and The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012.**

Cllr. Woodman declared an interest in the village greens roads with regard to agenda item 6.

**3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

- **Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting 9<sup>th</sup> December 2015:**

Cllr. Harrison proposed that the minutes were a true and accurate record which was seconded by Cllr. Woodman and unanimously agreed by the committee.

**4. MATTERS ARISING**

Cllr. Hassall enquired about recent additions to the membership of the committee which was explained by the Chairman.

**5. TO CONSIDER BUDGET HEADING 4611 OTHER NON RECURRING EXPENDITURE:**

The Clerk went through the printout of budget heading 4611, Other Non-Recurring Expenditure, in order to explain why the budget was three times overspent. He drew members' attention to three areas of spending:

- CCTV equipment which had been covered by a grant from Shropshire Council;
- Playscheme salaries which for the first time had been placed on the Council's payroll;
- The purchase and installation of a defibrillator.

Arrangements were proposed for new budgets for playscheme expenditure and staffing in the draft budget for 2016/17 and the other two items were single events which would not be repeated in the future. Members of the committee were satisfied that the budget appeared artificially high and that arrangements were in hand to regularise proceedings in the next financial year.

**6. TO CONSIDER THE FIRST DRAFT OF THE BUDGET FOR 2016/17:**

The committee went through the draft budget submitted by the Clerk and made a number of alterations to specific items of spending. The effect of the changes was to increase expenditure which would require a further increase in the size of the precept which was already 10% in excess of the previous year's demand. Councillors accepted that additional budgets for the library were matched by additional income which would have only a marginal influence on the total but the swimming pool commitment by the council to fund the 2016 swimming season would have a pronounced effect.

Members agreed that the draft should be amended as requested and draft 2 should be presented to the full Council at the planning meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2016. Any amendments following this meeting would be actioned and the final draft of the 2016/17 budget would be presented to Council for approval on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2016.

**7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no further business.

**8. DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING**

Members agreed that the next meeting of the Finance Committee would be held on 14<sup>th</sup> January at 4.30 pm in the Red House.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 5.05 pm.

Signed.....Date.....  
Chairman