



## Worplesdon Parish Council

### Minutes of the General Purposes and Finance Committee meeting held 8 November 2018 in the small hall, Worplesdon Memorial Hall, Perry Hill, Worplesdon at 7.43pm

#### 598-2018 – Present:

**Councillors:** Chairman of the General Purposes and Finance Committee Cllr N Mitchell, Cllr G Adam, Cllr D Bird, Cllr N Bryan, Cllr P Cragg, Cllr S Fisk, Cllr J Messinger and Cllr S Morgan MBE.

#### Officers of the Council:

Mrs G White - Clerk to the Council

Mrs V Fear - Assistant Clerk.

#### 599-2018 - Apologies and reason for absence in accordance with the LGA, Sch12, para 40

Apologies and reason for absence had been received from Cllr L Wright. Cllr S Fisk substituted for Cllr Wright.

#### 600-2018 - Declaration of disclosable pecuniary interests by councillors in accordance with The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012. (SI 2012 No. 1464)

No declarations were made.

#### 601-2018 - Declaration of non-pecuniary interests

No declarations were made.

#### 602-2018 - Declarations of gifts or hospitality over £25

No declarations were made.

#### 603-2018 - Public participation

No members of the public were present.

#### 604-2018 - Minutes of the previous meeting

It was proposed Cllr G Adam, seconded Cllr P Cragg and unanimously **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the General Purposes and Finance Committee meeting held 27 September 2018 be signed by the Chairman of General Purposes and Finance Committee as a true record.

It was proposed Cllr S Fisk, seconded Cllr S Morgan MBE and unanimously **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the General Purposes and Finance Committee meeting held 11 October 2018 be signed by the Chairman of the Chairman of General Purposes and Finance Committee as a true record.

**605-2018 - Invoices for payment**

No payments had been made since the previous full council meeting.

**606-2018- Local Plan**

It was proposed Cllr G Adam, seconded Cllr S Fisk and unanimously **RESOLVED** that the Planning Committee's decision to spend up to £2,000 on a legal review of The Local Plan be ratified.

*Power to spend: LGA 1972 s111.*

**607-2018- VAT training session** – Wednesday 6 February 2019, Billingshurst – Cost per delegate £65 + VAT

It was proposed Cllr P Cragg, seconded Cllr G Adam and unanimously **RESOLVED** that the cost of two delegates be approved due to the Making Tax Digital requirements being introduced in 2019.

*Power to spend: LGA 1972 s111.*

**608-2018- CPRE (Campaign to Protect Rural England) and OSS (Open Spaces Society)**

The Surrey Association of Local Councils (SALC) advises local councils not to subscribe to lobby groups due to the perception of predetermination/bias which could potentially lead to a Judicial Review.

Following discussion, it was proposed Mrs S Morgan MBE, seconded Cllr P Cragg and **RESOLVED** that the Council take SALC advise and that the Council's membership to the CPRE and OSS should not be renewed. There is nothing to stop councillors, as individuals, subscribing to these organisations should they wish to do so.

A vote took place: 6 in favour, Cllr J Messinger and Cllr D Bird abstained from the vote. Motion carried.

**609-2018- Virements – To approve the following virements:**

It was proposed Cllr P Cragg, seconded Cllr G Adam and unanimously **RESOLVED** that the following virements be approved.

- Vire £4,500 from Earmarked Reserves to Professional Advice
- Vire £10,000 from Earmarked Reserves to Parish Office
- Vire £3,000 from Earmarked Reserves to Bus Shelters

**610-2018- Annual Playground Inspections**

A précis of the Annual Playground Inspection report had been issued to all members. All items highlighted within the report were either low, or very low risk.

All issues to be addressed as soon as practicable.

It was proposed Cllr S Fisk, seconded Cllr S Morgan MBE and unanimously **RESOLVED** that the report be approved and accepted.

Appendix 1 – Précis of the Annual Inspection Report.

**611-2018- Surrey County Council – Public consultations – 30 October until Friday 4 January 2019** – Due to severe financial pressures, Surrey County Council is consulting on cuts to the following services:

- [Family Resilience: Children's Centres](#)
- [Concessionary bus travel](#)
- [Special Educational Needs and Disabilities](#)
- [Libraries and Cultural Services](#)
- [Community Recycling Centres](#)

It was proposed Cllr N Mitchell, seconded Cllr D Bird and unanimously **RESOLVED** that as none of the proposed cuts are likely to affect the Parish directly, there is no need for a formal Corporate Body response. Councillors are nonetheless invited to respond to the consultations as individuals.

#### **612-2018- Precept 2019/2020**

The first draft precept was tabled for consideration. The Committee considered each budget individually. Two options had been put forward for consideration: Option A included an accrual towards a permanent parish office within the Parish. Option B did not.

The Committee made the following recommendations:

- Correct the error in the balance column
- Do not decrease the IT budget - Leave it at £4,000
- That Option A should be put to the Council for approval (Option A proposed an increase in the budget of 14.78%)
- That the Council should increase the budget in order to facilitate the services the Parish Council provides on behalf of local residents.

Cllr Cragg requested the addition of the following motion on the November full council agenda: "That the Parish Council considers limiting applicants to a single grant aid application per financial year."

#### Appendix 2 – First draft precept 2019/2020

#### **613-2018 - For information only**

- The bulbs have now been planted in Harry's Meadow.
- The bench base for the WW1 bench in Harry's Meadow is being installed. The litter bin has been installed.

Meeting closed 8.40pm