FORDINGBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Finance & Policy Committee held on Wednesday 3rd January 2018 at 7pm in the Town Hall

(Minutes subject to approval at the next meeting of the Committee)

Present: Cllr Connolly - Chairman Cllrs Adams, Anstey, Earth, Hale, Lewendon, Paton, Perkins, Price, White & Wilson

In attendance: Mrs H Richards, Town Clerk Mrs R Edwards, Assistant Town Clerk Mrs M Coatham, Finance Officer Mr S Bailey (& Mr I Newman) Katy Griffin, Press (Forest Journal) Cllrs A Sevier & R Matcham (NFDC) part of meeting

1. To receive any apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Fulford.

2. To receive any Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were made.

3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 29th November 2017 and report any matters arising

Cllr Lewendon proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Earth and therefore **RESOLVED**: that the minutes of the meeting held on the 29th November 2017 be signed as a true record. All in favour.

There were no matters arising.

Cllr Hale entered the meeting.

4. To receive any matters raised by Members of the Public

No matters raised.

5. To review the Amenities Committee budget proposals for 2018/19

Following the amendments to the draft budget in accordance with the Finance & Policy Committee wishes on the 29th November 2017, Cllr Anstey proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Lewendon and therefore **RESOLVED**:

To accept the budget proposals for the Amenities Committee for 2018/19.

The Amenities proposal is £97,800; precept request of £79,050.

6. To consider event funding & organisation

Mr Bailey informed the meeting about a group made up of various representatives from the community, that had met to discuss the future of the Fordingbridge Festival (and other events) and while there is enthusiasm to run such an event, funding and resource are needed. There is a need for not only funding to set up and run events but also to fund secretariat.

The Chairman advised that as a Committee or other formal group had not been formed with its own constitution, the Council could not offer funding at this stage.

Mr Newman entered the meeting.

Mr Newman spoke about the great community spirit in the Town involved with the organisation and running of the Christmas event. While both the Town Council and Business Forum had provided funding together with private funding, an events committee should be formed with a secretariat,

which would need to be funded. Mr Newman informed the meeting that the group had discussed the Summer Festival and the following issues identified:

- Rotary Club Lack of Manpower
- Any new Event Committee formed could encompass other events such Remembrance Day commemorative event (2018). However, any new committee would lack funding and administrative support.
- The Remembrance Day "event" proposed to be held at the Memorial Gardens will require a marquee to be provided at an approximate cost of £2,000 £2,500.

The Chairman commented that the Town Council had an obligation to facilitate Remembrance Sunday.

The discussion concluded that any group or committee needed upfront funding, which the Council could not underwrite at the present as there is no formal committee with its own constitution, and while it may be possible to pay funds back from proceeds of events, this cannot be guaranteed (factors such as bad weather, poor attendance).

Mr Newman to report back to group that the Town Council are unable to help at the present time.

Cllr Sevier & Cllr Matcham joined the meeting during this item.

7. To consider the budget proposals for the Finance & Policy Committee for 2018/19 Following a brief discussion regarding the amendments to the draft budget requested by the Finance & Policy Committee on 29th November 2017,

Cllr Connolly proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Price and therefore **RESOLVED:** to accept the Finance & Policy Committee Budget proposals for 2018/19 as:

Budget Proposal £94,353 and precept request of £82,253

8. To formulate a resolution to go before General Council on 3rd January 2018 for the precept request.

Cllr Lewendon proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Anstey and therefore **RESOLVED:** to Accept the following budget proposals & precept requests:

Amenities Budget Proposal - £97,800 Precept request £79,050 (Appendix A) General Purposes Budget Proposal - £85,575 Precept Request £37,247 (Appendix B) Finance & Policy budget proposals for £94,353 Precept Request £82,253 (Appendix C)

Total Precept Request for the year 2018/19: £198,550

This equates to a 2% increase from the current years precept.

9. To note any items of correspondence

No items of correspondence were received this month.

10. To receive a report from the Clerk or any other relevant business

The Clerk had nothing further to report.

11. To note the date of the next meeting as Wednesday 31st January 2018

7.42pm The meeting then went into closed session with Members of the Public, Press and District Councillors leaving the meeting.

The meeting closed at 7.50pm.

Fordingbridge Town C	ouncil Am	enities Y	ear End Fo	recast Nov17& Budget Proposal 2018/19	
Amenities					
Amenities			Yr End		PROPOSED
INCOME	BUDGET	BUDGET		Current year commants	BUDGET Proposal comments
INCOME	2016/17	2017/18	FUIECASL	Current year comments	2018/19
Recreation Ground - Sundry Lets	£ 1,000.00		۲ ۲		f 100.00 Limited non-sports usage of Rec - anyway to increase?
Brownsea Land	f	£ 100.00	£ -		f -
Cricket Clubs	f -	f -	£ -		f -
Rugby Clubs	-	£ 5,000.00			f 5,000.00 Rugby club not happy with facilities
Football Clubs		£ 3,500.00			f 3,500.00 Football club will not commit to usage
Whippet Club	,	£ 2,000.00	,		£2,000.00No indication from club regarding any change
Refreshment Concession		£ 2,000.00 £ 7,500.00			£2,000.00No indication nonicido regarding any change£7,500.00Lease due for renewal after 3 years
Fishing/Anglers	£ 650.00	-			£ 7,500.00 Lease due for renewal after 5 years £ 650.00 Kiosk interested in rights?
Youth Shelter & Skate Park	L 050.00	£ 050.00	£ -		f -
Total Income	£ 15 650 00		£ 18,650.00	Income down	f 18,750.00
	£ 15,050.00	E 18,750.00	10,050.00		£ 10,750.00
			Yr End		PROPOSED
EXPENDITURE	BUDGET	BUDGET	Forecast		BUDGET
EXPENDITORE	2016/17	2017/18	FUIECASL		2018/19
Recreation Ground - Staff Costs		£ 38,000.00	£ 38,000.00		f 38,500.00 Think about succession planning? Apprenticeships? Gardener
Casual Labour	f -	£ 3,000.00			£30,000.00What about succession planning: Apprenticesings: Gardener£3,000.00What about uniforms/workforce appearance?
Recreation Ground - Utilities	£ 0,000,00	£ 6,000.00			f 3,800.00
Petrol/Road Tax		£ 2,500.00			f 2,500.00
Pavilion		£ 2,000.00		Unexpected boiler work/leak	f 2,500.00 Depends upon new building
Recreation Ground Seats		£ 1,000.00		Could transfer to skate park or replacement equipment?	f 1,000.00
Safety Equipment	£ 500.00				f 500.00
Machinery Repairs/Replacement		£ 4,000.00		Caddy	£ 6,000.00
General & Ground Maintenance				Ground works and additional maintenance may be covered S106	£ 30,000.00 Pitches - what is going to happen? Memorial Garden landscaping
Land and buildings		£ 1,000.00		Final bills for kiosk and some repairs	£1,000.00New kiosk repairs/maint.
Equipment	£ 500.00			New goal posts	£ 500.00
Brownsea Land	f -	£ -	£ -		f -
Youth Projects	£ 200.00			Youth shelter (car park) repairs	£ 500.00
Floodlights	£ 500.00				£ 500.00
Children's Play Area		£ 6,000.00		Playground repairs	£ 6,000.00 Grants needed to replace
Youth Shelter	£ 500.00			Repairs	£ 500.00
Skate Park		£ 2,000.00		More repairs/replacement required	£ 1,000.00 f replaced?
Total Expenditure			£ 95,550.00		£ 97,800.00
Amount needed from precept		£ 74,250.00	£ 76,900.00		£ 79,050.00
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Fordingbridge Town Council Amenit	ies Budget Setti	ng 2014/15				
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Amenities						
		Yr End	PROPOSED			
INCOME	BUDGET	Forecast	BUDGET	Comment		
	2014-2015		2014-2015			
Recreation Ground - Sundry Lets	£ 1,500.00	£ 1,300.00	£ 1,500.00			
Brownsea Land	£ -	£ -	£ -			
Cricket Clubs	£ 150.00		£ -			
Rugby Clubs	£ 3,000.00	£ 7,000.00	£ 3,000.00			
Football Clubs	£ 1,325.00	£ 1,325.00	£ 2,000.00			
Whippet Club	£ 750.00	£ 1,200.00	£ 1,200.00			
Refreshment Concession	£ 800.00	£ 583.33	£ 4,500.00			
Fishing/Anglers	£ 700.00	£ 624.38	£ 500.00			
Youth Shelter & Skate Park	£ -	£ 6,250.00	£ -			
Total Income	£ 8,225.00	£ 18,194.71	£ 12,700.00			
		Yr End	PROPOSED			
EXPENDITURE	BUDGET	Forecast	BUDGET			
	2014-2015		2014-2015			
Recreation Ground - Staff Costs	£ 34,575.00	£ 40,000.00	£ 42,000.00			
Casual Labour	£ 2,000.00	£ -	£ -			
Recreation Ground - Utilities	£ 5,000.00		£ 8,000.00			
Petrol/Road Tax	£ 3,100.00		£ 3,500.00		Needs to be updated for	2015/16
Pavilion	£ 6,000.00	£ 2,500.00	£ 2,500.00			
Recreation Ground Seats	£ 1,000.00		£ 1,000.00			
Safety Equipment	£ 500.00	£ 100.00	£ 500.00			
Machinery Repairs/Replacement	£ 8,000.00					
General & Ground Maintenance	£ 15,000.00		,			
Land and buildings	£ -	£ 6,018.50	£ 500.00			
Brownsea Land	£ -	£ 400.00				
Youth Projects	£ 500.00		£ -			
Floodlights	£ 500.00		£ 500.00			
Children's Play Area	£ 6,000.00	£ 4,500.00	£ 4,500.00			
Youth Shelter	£ -	£ 200.00	£ 500.00			
Skate Park	£ 2,000.00	£ 500.00	£ 2,000.00			
Total Expenditure	£ 84,175.00	£ 88,868.50	£ 89,500.00			
						
Amount required from Precept	£ 75,950.00		£ 76,800.00			

Fordingbridge Town	Council	General	Purpose	s Yr End Forecast Nov	17 & Budget Proposal 2	2018/19
General Purposes						
General Purposes				Yr End	PROPOSED	
	BUDGET	BUDGET	To date	Forecast Current year comments		Proposal comments
	2016/17	2017/18	To date	Forecast Current year comments	2018/19	Proposal comments
INCOME	2010/17	2017/10			2010/19	
Hall Lettings - Sundry	£ 3 500 00	£ 3,000,00	£ 1,653.44	£ 3,000,00	£ 3,000.00	
Badminton			£ 131.25		£ 725.00	
Art Clubs	£ 650.00		£ 630.00		£ 650.00	
Parish Lengthsman Scheme				£ 12,000.00 Figure in agreement with		
Burial Fees				£ 8,000.00 Less burials		Cannot see this increasing
St Marys Churchyard		£ 453.00		£ 453.00	£ 453.00	
Allotment Rents			£ 1,005.00		£ 1,000.00	
Playscheme			£ 5,940.50		£ 6,000,00	
VIC Income/Misc Sales				£ 15,200.00 Other sales higher		Increased opening hours, may increase sales if staff pursue ideas
No meene/Mise bales	2 14,000.00	2 14,000.00	2 14,014.00		2 10,000.00	
Total Income	£ 51,328.00	£ 50,828.00	£ 31,768.51	£47,028.00 Income down by about £7	7000 £ 48.328.00	
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EXPENDITURE				Yr End	PROPOSED	
	BUDGET	BUDGET	To date	Forecast	BUDGET	
	2016/17	2017/18	10 duto	lolocast	2018/19	
Town Hall - Staff Costs			£ 5,812.29	£ 10 000 00	£ 10,000.00	
Town Hall - Routine Maintenance			£ 1,941.65			What do we need to allow for this year? PWLB payments in Finance
Town Hall - Repair Maintenance			£ 2,245.00			What works need to be done? Clock tower is leaking - major work possibly needed?
Town Hall - Utilities			£ 1,055.74			I have allowed for the winter costs plus inflation rise
Town Hall - Rates	£ -		£ 2,027.10			Not sure what increase will be
Town Hall - Clock Maintenance	£ 375.00			£ 375.00	£ 375.00	
Playscheme Staff			£ 7,338.80		£ 7,500.00	
Playscheme Equipment			£ 1,912.42			Equipment was run down in 2017 as funding unknowr
VIC Lease			£ 2,625.00		£ 5,000.00	
VIC staff costs			£ 9,205.81			To cover pay increase
VIC non-staff costs			£ 5,539.49			To review, includes rates of £2379
Burial Grounds			£ 4,604.90			Any major works needed? Consider taking on an apprentice???? ASG Contract?
Allotments	£ 1,000,00	£ 1,000,00	£ 672.01	£ 1,000,00		Depends on toilets, pumps, etc
Memorial Bungalow		£ 5,000.00		£ 6,000.00 Windows to be replaced t		Reduced as works carried out
Parish Lengthsman Scheme			£ 4,953.42		£ 12,000.00	
Footpaths/Public Seats	£ 500.00				£ 500.00	
Bus Shelters	£ 500.00			£ -	£ 500.00	
	2 000.00	2 000.00	~	~	2 000.00	
Total Expenditure	£ 88,575.00	£ 92,285.00	£ 50,818.27	£ 90,696.00	£ 85,575.00	
Amount needed from precept	£ 37,247.00	£ 41,457.00		£ 43,668.00	£ 37,247.00	
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Fordingbridge Town Council Gen	eral Purposes	Budget Prop	osal	2014/15	
General Purposes					
		Yr End	P	ROPOSED	
	BUDGET	Forecast		BUDGET	Comments
	2013/14			2014/15	
INCOME					
Hall Lettings - Sundry	£ 5,500.00	£ 2,200.00	£	3,000.00	
Badminton	£ 700.00			725.00	
Art Clubs	£ 750.00			400.00	
Parish Lengthsman Scheme		£ 12,000.00		12,000.00	
Burial Fees	£ 8,500.00			8,500.00	
St Marys Churchyard	£ 906.00			453.00	
Allotment Rents	£ 650.00			1,000.00	
Playscheme		£ 9,500.00		13,850.00	
VIC Income/Misc Sales	£ 13,500.00			13,500.00	
					Not yet updated for 2015/16
Total Income	£ 49,006.00	£ 48,131.00	£	53,428.00	
EXPENDITURE					
		Yr End	Pl	ROPOSED	
	BUDGET	Forecast		BUDGET	
	2013/14			2014/15	
Town Hall - Staff Costs	£ 9,000.00	£ 11,000.00		10,500.00	
Town Hall - Maintenance	£ 15,000.00			12,000.00	
Town Hall - Utilities	£ 4,300.00	£ 3,000.00		4,600.00	
Town Hall - Rates	£ -	£ -	£	-	
Town Hall - Clock Maintenance	£ 350.00	£ 350.00		375.00	
Playscheme Staff	£ 7,000.00			12,850.00	
Playscheme Equipment	£ 1,500.00			2,000.00	
VIC Lease	£ 5,000.00			5,000.00	
VIC Costs	£ 22,000.00			20,000.00	
Burial Grounds	£ 8,500.00			7,000.00	
Allotments	£ 750.00			700.00	
Memorial Bungalow	£ 500.00			500.00	
Parish Lengthsman Scheme	£ 12,000.00			12,000.00	
Footpaths/Public Seats	£ 500.00	£ 500.00		500.00	
Bus Shelters	£ 500.00	£ 500.00	£	500.00	
Total Expenditure	£ 86,900.00	£ 85,580.00	£	88,525.00	
Amount Required from Precept	£ 37,894.00		£	35,097.00	

Fordingbridge Town C	counc	il Finance & P	olicy Year Er	d Forecas	t 2018/19								
				Year End		Proposed							
		BUDGET	BUDGET	Forecast	Current year comments	Budget	Proposal comments						
Finance & Policy		2016/17	2017/18			2018/19							
Income													
Procent	f	183,197.00	£104 657 00	£ 194,657.00		£198,550.00							
Precept	£	4.020.00	£194,057.00 £0.00			£196,550.00 £0.00						-	
Grants Developers Contributions	£	5,000.00	£0.00			£0.00						-	
nterest Received	f	50.00	£100.00			£100.00						-	
Sundry Income	£	7,500.00	£7,500.00		Rotary & Ents Soc & Donations	£7,500.00						-	
langing baskets/Trees	£	3,500.00	£4,000.00		Rolary & Ents Soc & Donations	£4.000.00						-	
Auseum Rent	f	500.00	£500.00			£500.00							
NdSeam Kent	~	500.00	2000.00	2 300.00		2000.00							
Total Income	£	203,767.00	£206,757.00	£ 211,932.04	Income as expected	£210,650.00							
Expenditure						_							
				Voor Frid		Dropood						-	
		RUDGET	PUDCET	Year End		Proposed Budget							
Office Staff Costs		BUDGET	<u>BUDGET</u> £45,000.00	Forecast		<u>Budget</u> £45.000.00	Increased support (RE	 					
	£	37,500.00					Increased support (RE	hours)					
Stationery & Postage Photocopier/copying	£	2,000.00 3,000.00	£2,000.00 £3,200.00	£ 1,800.00 £ 3,500.00	l	£2,000.00 £3.500.00							
Photocopier/copying Office - Telephone/IT	£	1,800.00	£3,200.00 £1,800.00		Onebill covers all phones	£3,500.00 £2,400.00	Microshade or software					-	
Staff Gratuities	£	1,800.00	£1,800.00 £0.00	£ 2,400.00	Onebili covers all priones	£2,400.00	Microsnade or softwar	e upgrades?				-	
Insurance	£	7,300.00	£6,500.00	£ 6,500.00		£6.500.00						-	
Subscriptions	£	2,000.00	£0,500.00 £1,750.00		Includes mapping & GIS	£0,500.00 £1.750.00						-	
Staff Training and Expenses	£ f	1,200.00	£1,200.00		Includes CiLCA	£1,950.00	CiLCA for RE?						
Sundries	£	-	£0.00	£ 1,200.00 £ -	Includes CILCA	£0.00						-	
Election Expenses	£		£0.00	£ -	No election (uncontested)	£0.00							
Professional Fees	£	3,500.00	£3,500.00	~		£5,000.00	Ellis Whitham £2500 p	or appum				-	
Bank Charges	f	35.00	£100.00	£ 90.00	Expecting some legal lees/leases	£100.00	Lilis Willulan 2200 p						
Twinning/Diamond Jubilee	£	500.00	£2,000.00	£ 2,600.00		£1,000.00	Reduced						
Promotion & Advertising	£	500.00	£500.00	£ 600.00		£600.00	Reduced						
Mayors' Allowance/Meetings	£	1,000.00	£3,000.00	£ 3,000.00		£2.553.00							
S137 Grants	r F	5,000.00	£5,000.00			£3,000.00							
Avonway Grants	£	3,000.00	£0.00		Youth grant	£0.00							
Floral Displays and Trees	- F	6,000.00	£6,000.00			£6.000.00	Business forum?						
Late Night Shopping	f f	1,000.00	£1,000.00	£ 1,000.00	monuces had years watering	£1,000.00	Business for ann						
Christmas Lights	f	8,500.00	£8,500.00			£12,000.00							
Community Support	£	-	£0.00			£0.00							
Developers Contributions					Must be spent on improvements								
PWLB - loan for roof													
Total Expenditure	£	80,835.00	£91,050.00	£ 100,865.04	Expenditure higher	£94,353.00							
				-		£82,253.00							
						202,200.00							
						2018-19	2017-18	2016 - 2017	2015 - 2016				
					F & P	£82,253.00	£78,950.00	£64,285.00	£75,700.00				
					GENERAL PURPOSES	£37,247.00	£41,457.00	£37,247.00	£34,747.00				
					AMENITIES	£79,050.00							
					Capital Projects (grant underspend)	£0.00			£7,640.00				
					Total Required	£198,550.00	£194,657.00	£187,217.00	£191,237.00				
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					Precept Amount	£198,550.00	- ,	£183,197.00					
					Grant Amount	£0.00	£0.00	£4,020.00	£8,040.00				
					4						Reasons		
					Total Amount	£198,550.00	£194,657.00	£187,217.00	£191,237.00	£3,893.00			
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Fordingbridge Town Council				
Report Run Date:	Jan-13			
	BUDGET	INCOME	ADDITIONAL	BUDGET
Finance & Policy	2012/2013	SO FAR	INCOME	2013/2014
			EXPECTED	
Income				
Precept	£182,200.00	£182,200.00	£0.00	
Interest Received	£0.00	£208.41	0	
Sundry Income	£0.00	£0.00	0	
Museum Rent	£500.00	£0.00	£500.00	
Total Income	£182,700.00	£182,408.41	£500.00	£0.00
<u>Expenditure</u>				
	BUDGET	SPENT	LEFT IN BUDGET	
Office Staff Costs	£35,500.00	£26,177.09	£9,322.91	
Stationery & Postage	£1,300.00	£1,399.07	-£99.07	
Photocopier/copying	£2,500.00	£2,303.73	£196.27	
Office - Telephone/IT	£1,200.00	£2,490.48	-£1,290.48	
Staff Gratuities	£500.00	£43.98	£456.02	
Insurance	£11,000.00	£10,896.86	£103.14	
Subscriptions	£1,100.00	£1,400.68	-£300.68	
Staff Training and Expenses	£1,000.00	£589.55	£410.45	
Sundries	£0.00	£5.49	-£5.49	
Election Expenses	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	
Professional Fees	£1,000.00	£1,780.00	-£780.00	
Bank Charges	£0.00	£32.00	-£32.00	
Twinning/Diamond Jubilee	£2,000.00	£2,928.22	-£928.22	
Promotion & Advertising	£500.00	£180.00	£320.00	
Mayors' Allowance/Meetings	£1,000.00	£765.12	£234.88	
S137 Grants	£5,000.00	£4,400.00	£600.00	
Avonway Grants	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	
Business Forum Partnership	£4,500.00	£7,067.13	-£2,567.13	
Community Support	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	
Total Expenditure	£68,100.00	£62,459.40	£5,640.60	£0.00
Overall Total				

PRECEPT F & P GENERAL PURPOSES AMENITIES

£0.00