

### Midhurst Town Council

# A meeting of the <u>FINANCE ASSET AND POLICY COMMITTEE</u> took place on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2020 at 7:30pm by virtual conference due to COVID-19

#### **MINUTES**

Present: Cllr C. Lintott (Chairman), Cllr G. McAra, Cllr. A. Procter, Cllr M. Purves, Cllr S. Morley, Cllr

M. Richardson, Cllr J. Sutton, Cllr J. Travers

Officer: Melanie Kite, Town Clerk

**F/47/20 – Chairman's Announcements -** The Chairman reminded the committee that the meeting was being recorded for the purpose of the Clerk's Minutes only

F/48/20 - Apologies for Absence - Cllr L. Jeffries

F/49/20 - Declarations of Interest - None declared

F/50/20 – Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2020 - There were no matters raised.

F/51/20 – Representations from the Public - No members of the public were present.

#### F/52/20 – Financial Reports for month to end April 2020

Payments and receipts in April were agreed as: Payments of £20,893.35; Receipts of £141,114.61

Payments over £1,000 were: Salaries £6,258, Replacement grass mower £10,330, IT support £1,121

Major income streams: First half Precept of £92,563, CIL monies £44,259 and Q4 VAT refund £2,960

Cllr Procter enquired if the Rural Towns Co-ordinator had been furloughed and if any work was being done for Midhurst in this lockdown period.

Clerk responded that all government employees were considered essential staff and as such could not be furloughed.

Clerk to contact him to request an update.

**F/53/20 – Draft Budget layout -** The Finance Officer explained that the re-organisation of both cost centres and cost codes was still in progress and would be completed before the next meeting.

**F/54/20 - Carron Lane Improvement Working Group -** Skate park – An update from Cllr Sutton mentioned that she and Cllr McAra were still in contact with Maverick. Draft designs had been circulated to the college youth group who were helping on the design of the new skateboard park. A grant application to Sports England was in progress, though at present the organisation were not accepting grant applications.

**F/55/20 - Matters of Report -** Cllr Sutton reported that Midhurst Town Council had used some of the emergency COVID-19 community money to purchase items, with emphasis on treats and luxury, for hampers going out to nominated local residents.



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Cllr Procter confirmed that MADhurst was cancelled this year.

Cllr McAra didn't feel that using Teams for these virtual meetings was working very well. A number of councillors agreed.

Clerk and Chairman of Council to look at other options such as Zoom Pro.

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