



MINUTES

Committee: Finance and Policy Committee
Date: Tuesday 30 September 2020
Time: 10:00am
Venue: Virtual meeting via Zoom

Present

Cllr Jan Evans
Cllr Gordy Keep
Cllr Mike Warner
Cllr Vivienne Hodges
Cllr John Farrand-Rogers

Also Present

Samantha Parkin (Clerk)

16/2020 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Paul Dodd.

17/2020 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS / REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

No declarations of interest were made. No requests for dispensations were received.

18/2020 MINUTES

Cllr Jan Evans proposed that the minutes of the meeting held on 18th August 2020 be **approved** and signed as a correct record. Seconded by Cllr Mike Warner and **resolved**. One abstention.

Cllr Evans followed up the 'to do' list from the last meeting:

- Cllr Evans and the Clerk have been investigating the land registry applications, the Clerk will put all information into a paper to be circulated to all Cllrs before the meeting of the full Council on the 6th October
- MAPs grant application query is ongoing
- Wellmoor/biodiversity investigation ongoing
- Clerk has added pre-dug graves to the budget summary
- A meeting has been held with MDT regarding 'A year in the life of Moreton' book

19/2020 GRANT APPLICATIONS

The Clerk provided an overview of the Xmas event proposals. Due to the ongoing Covid situation, the Xmas volunteer group had been working on a Plan A and B. Plan A is to host a traditional light switch on event and Plan B is to simply transport Father Christmas around the town and deliver gifts to parents who ask for a socially distanced visit. The Clerk recommended the group proceed with Plan B due to the recently announced Government guidelines limiting groups of people to no more than 6. It would be impossible to do a risk assessment and keep to the current guidelines due to the large numbers of people that have gathered in previous years. Cllr Evans agreed with the Clerk. The committee were happy to proceed on this basis.

The Xmas Event Budget which is attached at appendix 1 on page 3 was displayed on screen for discussion.

Cllr Farrand-Rogers had concerns over the amounts of money on the Xmas budget however Cllr Evans outlined the amounts had already been agreed by full Council at previous meetings.

Discussions took place on the 'Thank you hampers' to show appreciation to all the businesses and groups for their efforts during the Covid-19 pandemic. These acknowledgements will not necessarily take the form of a hamper. Cllr Mike Warner proposed a group to decide on the thank you gifts and the cost involved. Seconded by Cllr John Farrand-Rogers and resolved. The list will be forwarded to Cllrs before the meeting of the full council on the 6th October.

It was noted that the road closure will not be required.

Cllr Jan Evans proposed to recommend the Xmas budget to the full Council. Seconded by Cllr Mike Warner and resolved.

The grant from Dartmoor National Park and the Xmas lights allocation of £1000 has been allocated. The £400 allocated for the Xmas event from the 2020/21 budget has currently not been allocated. Cllr Jan Evans proposed the group make a list of expenditure, circulate and discuss at the meeting of the full council on the 6th October. Seconded by Cllr Gordy Keep and resolved. Cllr John Farrand-Rogers abstained.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 10.43am.

TO DO ACTIONS:

- Clerk to write a paper detailing the land registry application
- Group to decide on the thank you gifts and expected expenditure involved and circulate to all Councillors

MPC Finance and Policy Minutes 30.09.2020 Attachment no.1 – Xmas Budget

Xmas Budget 2020									
RECEIPTS			Budget	Actual to date	Remaining				
DNPA Grant			£500.00	£500.00	£ -				
Xmas lights agreed at Sept meeting			£1,000.00	£1,000.00				Plus VAT	
Xmas Budget 2020-2021			£400.00						
Total Receipts			£1,900.00	£1,500.00	£ -				
PAYMENTS									
Xmas Lights			£1,000.00	£985.00	£ 15.00			Plus VAT @ £197	
Grotto presents			£250.00	£0.00	£ 250.00				
Thank you Hampers			£250.00	£0.00	£ 250.00				
Tim Road Closure			£180	£0.00	£ 180.00			Last years price	
Xmas			£220.00						
Total Payments			£1,900.00	£985.00	£915.00				