

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE POLICY & RESOURCES
COMMITTEE HELD 3 SEPTEMBER 2019**

Councillors Present: Cllr Maggie Allingham, Cllr Ian Corben, Cllr Keith House, Cllr Cliff Morris, Cllr Derek Pretty (Chairman), Cllr Jane Welsh,

In attendance: Cllr Pat Jenkins

P890 Apologies: Cllr House will be late.

P891 To consider the Minutes of the meeting held 2 July 2019

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 2 July 2019 be signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

P892 Correspondence

A letter has been received from Victim Support in respect of the S137 grant award thanking the council for their grant.

Deed of Dedication for Woodhouse Lane has been received. **RESOLVED: The Town Clerk to complete the sealing and signing of the document.**

P893 Financial Monitoring

Cllr Pretty introduced the report that was previously circulated outlining the current financial position. The current position with some efficiencies will be within budget. There will need to be some consideration to increasing the precept.

There was some discussion about changing the room hire rates as the bookings for 2000 Centre have increased as people's preference is for the better equipped larger hall which is the same hire charge as others and has inadvertently impacted on the other hall hire.

The Town Clerk pointed out the additional costs associated with the elections which have come in over budget.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted and a recommendation that Recreation & Amenities Committee to review the Hall Hire Charges in advance of April 2020.

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P894 Paper Free Council

Cllr Pretty introduced the previously circulated report and looked at the options for reducing paper and printing for meetings. Cllrs looked at the option of Mod.gov and whilst this would be advantageous it was felt that it was an unnecessary cost at this stage. Cllrs felt that most of the members were able to access papers electronically and those that are unable to do so could request paper copies.

Cllr House joined the meeting at 19:18.

RESOLVED: It was proposed that the Town Council go Paper Free with immediate effect across all council meetings. Printed copies will be available on request in advance of the meeting.

P895 Environmental Strategy Scoping

Cllr Pretty introduced the previously circulated discussion document. Cllr Welsh raised concerns that implementing some of the suggestions would have additional initial infrastructure costs.

It was discussed that the council should seek to take opportunities as they arise such as when replacement vehicles are needed. Some of the sites are not equipped with Solar panels and these should be explored at the time of building improvements.

Cllr Corben asked about potential buying power for savings over some of the larger purchase items. The Clerk confirmed that this option is being looked at with neighbouring parishes. There is also a desire to buy locally avoided unnecessary travel miles.

Cllr House suggested that we should also look at water fountains.

Cllr Pretty proposed a working group to look at options and feasibility.

RESOLVED: That a working group is formed, and councillors are invited to put their name forwarded.

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P896 S137 Grant Criteria

Cllr Pretty introduced the previously circulated report and proposed grant guidance. The Town Clerk advised that this is new guidance and could be tweaked to determine the parameters. Councillors felt that the 'Number of Direct Hedge End beneficiaries should have a more prominent standing in the guidance.

RESOLVED: That the guidance be adopted with more prominence on the number of direct Hedge End beneficiaries.

P897 Matters for Resolution

a) S137 Grant Applications – Cllrs discussed the grant applications against the criteria and agreed the following awards:

Cllr Welsh declared an interest as she is a member of the Hedge End Rotary Club.

RESOLVED: That funding is awarded to:

- Friends of Wildern Local Nature Reserve - £150
- Hedge End Rotary - £350

RESOLVED: That funding is declined for:

- Asian Welfare & Cultural Association
- Life Education Wessex

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 19:42 hours.