

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE & EMERGENCY COMMITTEE OF HADDENHAM PARISH COUNCIL held on Tuesday 24th February 2015 at 7.45pm at Haddenham Library, Station Road, Haddenham, Cambs.

Attendance: Cllrs Lyon (Chairman), Page, Parr, Smith and Tindall.

1. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** having been circulated to all members were taken as read. Cllr Tindall proposed and Cllr Parr seconded that the minutes should be signed as a true record of the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

2. **MATTERS ARISING (For Information Only)**

There were none.

3. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from Cllr G Wilson – prior meeting commitment.

4. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

5. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Cllr Norman was in attendance as a member of the public and wished to speak when Item 11 was discussed and this was agreed.

6. **FINANCIAL UPDATE**

The Clerk presented the current financial figures and these were accepted.

7. **INVESTMENT REVIEW**

Cllr Parr proposed and Cllr Smith seconded that the Council's surplus funds should be left with Cambridge Building Society. Motion carried unanimously.

8. **CLERK'S HOURS**

(See Minutes FM 05/2014 Item 8) The Clerk reported that her hours are sufficient.

9. **REGULARITY OF MEETINGS**

Cllr Smith proposed and Cllr Parr seconded that with immediate effect Finance & Emergency Committee meetings should be held in February, June and October each year instead of quarterly. Motion carried unanimously.

10. **CONTRACTUAL PAYMENTS TO K FERGUSON'S LTD**

The outturn forecast for the grounds maintenance costs for the current financial year 2014/15 looks to be coming in under budget by £760, however some additional tree pollarding and removal of ivy work in the Churchyard is expected to cost around £1200 and this will be funded from other headings within the Green Areas Maintenance budget once the proper cost is known.

K Ferguson's Ltd had requested that monthly payments for the new contract due to start on 1st April be made on the basis of one 12th of the total contract value but the Committee did not agree with this and payments will continue to be made on presentation of a detailed invoice as in the past.

11. **DISPOSAL OF FLAIL MOWER**

Cllr Smith proposed and Cllr Tindall seconded that the flail mower should not be sold and should be kept for good or until such time as it starts to cost the Council money for upkeep, at which time the situation can be reviewed. Motion carried unanimously.