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Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held virtually on the 14th September 2020, commencing at 6pm.

Present: Cllr's D Knowles (Chairman), J Blagg,, W Burke, A Bush, C Daw, S Griggs, c Harrower, I Hill, B Holdman, T Lindus, J Rendle and C Slade.

In Attendance: Town Clerk (Mr J Vanderwolfe)

The Council agreed for the recording of the meeting for purposes of minute taking.

100	Apologies An apology had been received from Councillor A Perris due to work and from Councillor N Davey, who was away. Resolved to accept both apologies
101	Declarations of Interest No Declarations under the Code of Conduct were made at this stage of the meeting
102	Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on the 13 th July 2020 were agreed as a true record.
103	Matters arising from the Minutes that are not an agenda item Councillor J Rendle asked if any progress had been made in regards to obtaining a Covid-19 grant for the loss of revenue at the New Hall. The town clerk responded by stating that MDDC were still stating that we were not entitled to this grant.
104	Democratic Period The town clerk informed the meeting that he had not received any questions from members of the public for this meeting.
105	Financial Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) The balance sheet as of the 31st August 2020 was adoptedb) The income and expenditure reports for July and August 2020 were accepted. Cllr Rendle asked a question about training costs. Training costs were for webinar based training, and included a mental health course and CILCA training for the admin assistant. Cllr Harrower asked about the insurance refund. This is a bonus payment paid out if no claims had been made during the previous yearc) The payments for July and August 2020 were agreed.d) Budget re-calculation: It was noted that the budget figure for expenditure for 2020/21 should read £474,522, with income being £39,880.e) Covid-19: The town clerk explained that due to cancellation of most bookings at both the New Hal and the Town Hall, and also the agreed reductions in rents for period of time there would be an anticipated loss of revenue in the region of £35k for the year.

106	<p>Chetiscombe Wear Repair</p> <p>Cllr W Burke explained that some of the funds held as Earmarked Capital reserves for allotments had originated from the sale of an allotment to Devon County Council for a new road. He therefore felt that up to £12k could be used for the essential work to the weir at Chetiscombe. Two quotations had been obtained. One was for £12,667, the other for £13,950. Both quotations were subject to Vat. Resolved to accept the lower quotation of £12,667 from Greenford. It was however noted that this quotation was dated August 2019, and therefore may be subject to some increase. Cllr Hill would ask Greenford if there would be any increase. It was noted that both county councillors had agreed to provide £1k each from their locality budget. There may also be some other sources of funding towards this project. Members agreed that this work should progress as soon as possible.</p>
107	<p>Chetiscombe Village Green</p> <p>This project is to provide two benches and some wild flowers in the area and had originally been designed as part of a S106 bid for the repair to the wear, however MDDC had ruled that the S106 funding could not be used for the repair to the wear. They were however agreeable to using S106 funding for the village green project. The town clerk made the point that there would be on going costs to maintaining the green if the project went ahead. Cllr Rendle stated that there may be a local group willing to take on this project, and to maintain the site. Resolved not to take any action at present but to investigate more information from the owners of the land and the possible volunteers.</p>
108	<p>Grants 2021</p> <p>The town clerk explained that organisations would soon be applying for grants for 2021 and the meeting needed to make a decision on this. He suggested that for 2021 due to the heavy loss of revenue and the need to increase the precept next year that grants be only provided for essential service providers. Several members spoke on this matter, and agreed that this would sadly be the best policy for 2021. Cllr C Slade commented that he still had funds in his mayor's Charity account which possibly could be used for small amounts to local charities.</p> <p>Resolved that the town clerk would provide a list of essential service providers and a suggested amount for payment ready for the next meeting.</p>
109	<p>Winter Bedding</p> <p>It was agreed that due to the loss of revenue this year winter bedding would not be provided this year</p>
110	<p>Salary Rate Increases</p> <p>The meeting noted that NALC had recently published the new salary increases which would be backdated to the 1st April and would be paid out on the September pay run.</p>
111	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>The meeting closed at 7pm</p> <p>Next meeting Monday 12th October 2020 at 6pm</p>

Signed

Date
