



SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of a meeting of Sandown Town Council Finance & General Purposes Committee held on Monday 11 January 2016 at 7.00pm at The Broadway Centre, Sandown

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllr. Grandchamp, Cllr. Humby, Cllr. Mereweather and Cllr. Wright

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs Marion Cook (Town Clerk), Cllr. Blezzard

179/16 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. Ward (Funeral), Cllr. Cowley (Funeral), Cllr. Patel (holiday), Cllr. Dupre (no reason given)

Cllr. Wright was elected to take the Chair for the meeting

180/16 To receive declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

181/16 To approve and sign the minutes of the meetings held on the 14 September and 09 November 2015

Cllr. Mereweather, seconded by Cllr. Humby, proposed acceptance of both sets of minutes.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes as a true and correct record.

182/16 To receive and approve the Financial Reports

After discussion, and questions posed were answered satisfactorily and on a proposal by Cllr. Grandchamp, seconded by Cllr. Humby

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Sandown Town Council Receipts & Payments for the period 01 November to 31 December 2015.

After viewing the Sandham Gardens figures on the Budget comparison sheet (separate sheets had not been printed as there were only one or two direct debits entered now that the season had finished) for the same period, and on a proposal by Cllr. Grandchamp, seconded by Cllr. Mereweather

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Sandham Gardens Receipts & Payments for the period 01 November to 31 December 2015.

After discussion, and questions posed were answered, and on a proposal by Cllr. Grandchamp, seconded by Cllr. Mereweather,

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Budget Comparison figures for the period 01 April to 31 December 2015

183/16 To discuss celebrations for Her Majesty the Queen's 90th Birthday

Cllr. Wright spoke to seek approval from the Committee to propose to Full Council that we joined together with Shanklin Town Council and Lake Parish Council to fund joint celebrations for the Queen's 90th Birthday. Cllr. Priest from Shanklin had proposed £1500 from both Sandown & Shanklin and £1000 from Lake to pay for a variety of events to mark the occasion. He had offered to take the lead in organising events and keeping everyone informed via the Clerks. On a proposal by Cllr. Humby seconded by Cllr. Mereweather

It was **RESOLVED** to make this proposal to Full Council

- 184/16 To discuss the effect of the HIOW Devolution proposals on this Council**
As the proposals seemed to be still very much under discussion between the main District and County Councils, it was decided to defer this meeting until after 01 March, providing the proposed workshop in Winchester takes place.
- 185/16 To discuss the options for an Environment Officer's services**
This was deferred to the Full Council meeting where a fuller discussion could take place.
- 186/16 To discuss the Budget**
The Clerk had prepared a 'basic' budget, but was still waiting to hear officially that the grant would be passed on to Parish & Town Councils, and what amount. This document was approved but would be discussed further at Full Council.
- 187/16 To note any relevant correspondence or information received prior to the meeting**
The Clerk had received quotes for a variety of Flags for display on the flagpoles at the Pier entrance. She asked if Council would like to use national flags rather than international flags for a change. Cheaper flags had been used last year and had not proved successful as they lost colour and shredded quite quickly. Hand sewn flags would be more expensive, but would probably fly better and last longer. These would cost approx. £1,125. On a proposal by Cllr. Humby, seconded by Cllr. Mereweather
It was **RESOLVED** to propose to Full Council that the hand sewn national flags be purchased.
The Clerk also showed Members pictures of a replacement bench for the play area at Sandham Gardens that had been made by Mark, our Maintenance Operative for half the cost to replace a missing piece of equipment that was no longer obtainable. The bench was also much stronger, and bespoke to the area.
- 188/16 To receive and approve the schedule of payments**
On a proposal from Cllr. Grandchamp, seconded by Cllr. Humby,
It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Sandown Town Council schedule of payments totalling £5,907.29 and the Sandham Gardens schedule of payments totalling £835.29. Invoices were seen and initialled and both schedules were signed by Cllr. Mereweather. A second Councillor will be asked to check and sign the schedule.
- 189/16 To note the date of the next meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee on Monday 07 March 2016**
Noted.

Signed
Chairman

Date 07 March 2016