



**MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING OF
KEMPSEY PARISH COUNCIL, MONDAY 15th JANUARY 2018 AT 7.30PM
AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE**

PRESENT: - Cllr Geens (Chairman), Cllr Smith, Cllr Frazer-Cann, Cllr Waller,
Cllr Blackwell (Representing Environment Committee) and Cllr Dodge (Representing Infrastructure Committee)
and Cllr Gerrard (Representing Community Centres Committee)

IN ATTENDANCE: - 1 member of the public.

1. Apologies: Cllr Michael (Personal) – accepted
2. Declaration of Interests:
 1. Register of Interests: Councillors were reminded of the need to update their register of interests.
 2. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI): None
 3. Other Disclosable Interests (ODI): None

The meeting was adjourned for Public Question Time, notes of which are appended to these minutes.

3. Having been previously circulated, the minutes of 20.11.17 were signed as a true and correct record.
4. The preliminary budget and precept for 2018/19 were discussed.
The preliminary precept of £111,013 had been calculated too high. The Clerk confirmed this was in relation to the taxbase and various discounts and concessions not being factored into the calculation in respect of housing.
In order to maintain the budget in line with the housing stock, based on a council tax band D equivalent a saving of £8747 was required. This would equate to no increase to parishioners Council Tax in 2018/19.
5. To make recommendations at the EOM on 22.01.18 of any revised figures to the preliminary budget and precept for 2018/19.
RECOMMENDATION: To reduce the item – Acquisition of The Lower Ham under Commons & Hams Committee Budget from £16,500 to £7753.
RECOMMENDATION: To accept revised budget and request a new precept of £102266 for 2018/19
6. The bank signatory list was reviewed.
RECOMMENDATION: To remove Cllr Ann Patrick name from all bank signatory lists and replace with Cllr Hugh Hanmer.
7. The Committee agreed not to pursue the offer of support relating to the – SW Rural Communities Programme due to reservations on how to remedy issues.
8. Preparing for the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) – Awaiting further guidance from NALC before proceeding any further.
9. AOB
Clerk to enquire on the accountability of Section 106 funding with MHDC.
Clerk to contact NALC on guidance for draw down of funds from capital budgets/reserves.
It was reported that vehicles are blocking the pavement outside the shop. A suggestion made to help educate people was to use social media – ‘Spotted Kempsey’ on Facebook. Some members had reservations about what this entailed. In the first instance the Chairman will obtain a new sign made to address the parking in the short bays outside the shop.
Cllr Geens to contact MHDC concerning pavement issues, as on many of the new developments there are no paths for pedestrians to walk, particularly where sections/triangular grassed areas of land have been placed.
Cllr Geens confirmed a report had been carried out, unbeknown to KPC, by Gill Lungley based on her observations when she attended the EOM on 21st November 2017 to support the Clerk. Cllr Geens will circulate this report to all councillors and speak to CALC on the matter.

Action

Meeting Closed 8.28PM

Sharon Baxter

Clerk

Signed Chairman Date

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Bob Bowley – Kerswell Green
Questioned the figure for the tax base for 2018/19.
Also when are Standing Orders going to be amended?