

AYLESFORD PARISH COUNCIL
FINANCE ADVISORY SUB COMMITTEE
TUESDAY 26 APRIL 2016
Commenced 7.53pm

MINUTES

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Present: Cllrs Mrs Gadd (Chairman), Balcombe, Base, Ms Dorrington, Elvy, Gledhill, Rillie, Shelley, Smith, Winnett, Wright

In attendance: Mr Harris, Clerk Mrs Collier, Deputy Clerk

Apologies: Cllrs Mrs Brooks, Homewood, Walker

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1. Apologies

Apologies received from Cllrs Mrs Brooks (care of elderly relative), Homewood (KCC meeting), Walker (personal engagement). Noted and reasons accepted.

2. Declarations of Interests – There were no declarations additional to those contained in the Register of Members Interests.

3. Section 137 Donation requests

Eccles Pop In Group - Clerk has visited the Group and requested sight of the accounts in order to consider grant request. Awaited.

Royal British Legion – Thank you received for funding for cushions. Further request made to support residents of the new Veterans accommodation. This was **agreed** in principle subject to receipt of more detail on what equipment is required and costs. **Clerk**

4. Hall Grants/Loans - No report to this meeting.

5. Section 137 Micro Grant requests

Mackenders Lane, Eccles residents have requested financial assistance towards a street party celebrating the Queens 90th birthday in June. Cllr Ms Neimer has agreed to support from her micro grant. Up to £100 **agreed** subject to receipt of information on expenditure. **Clerk**

6. 2015/16 Financial Comparison April 2015 – March 2016 (End of year)

Tabled and attached at **Appendix A** to the bound copy of these minutes. The Clerk reported for the year 2015/16 the Council had spent nearly £200,000 on special projects leaving reserves of £367,000 for 2016/17 including funds which have been allocated to future long and short term projects. Members expressed satisfaction at the results for the year.

Internal Auditor visit for end of year – 4 May 2016.

7. Financial Matters arising from Other Committees - No report to this meeting.

8. Business Rates

Small Business Relief Rate Rebate for the Council offices, dated back to 2010, of £4891.73 received. This year's NNDR for the offices reduced from £5324 to £4436.67. The impact is that the Council will not pay any NNDR on the offices this year and have also been credited by TMBC the sum of £455.06. This was welcomed by Members and the Clerk thanked for his work on the matter.

9. Any Other Business/Correspondence

9.1 – TMBC – Future Financial Arrangements with Parish Councils

TMBC will be consulting with Parish Councils between 9 May and 16 June on the changes they propose to make to Financial Arrangements with Parish Councils. He informed the Committee of some of the details of the scheme but indicated that he would submit a detailed report on the TMBC proposals for the future Financial Arrangements with Parish Councils and the Council Tax reduction scheme, together with a proposed response to P&R on 7 June.

There being no further business, meeting closed at 8.12pm.