



**Minutes FC01/2017 of the Finance Committee Meeting held on Wednesday
13th December 2017 at 14:00 in the Pavilion, Prince's Street**

Present: Councillors A Cleland, P Ford, J Kendrick and S Wilson

Officer: S Stafford (Parish Clerk)

Public: None

1. **To elect a Chairman of the Committee:** It was proposed by Councillor Ford and seconded by Councillor Wilson that Councillor Cleland be elected as Chairman for 2017-2018 (Local Government Act 1972 s15(6)). Councillor Cleland was willing to stand. It was **RESOLVED** Councillor Cleland be elected as Chairman, proposed by Councillor Ford, seconded by Councillor Wilson and all were in favour.
2. **To resolve to accept Apologies for absence and reasons given in accordance with Local Government Act 1972 s85(1):** No apologies were received as all finance committee members were present.
3. **Members Declarations of Interests:**
 - a) Declarations of interest: Councillors Cleland, Ford, Kendrick and Wilson declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest for agenda items 4 and 5 because they live in the parish.
 - b) Dispensations: It was resolved to grant dispensation to Councillors Cleland, Ford, Kendrick and Wilson in relation to DPI, Appendix A, Items d and g, for the duration of the term of office, if members were prohibited from taking part in the meeting it would impede the transaction of business, this was proposed by Councillor Ford, seconded by Councillor Wilson and all were in favour.
4. **Proposed Budget 2018/2019:** To discuss and approve a proposed budget for 2018/2019 (documents circulated with agenda). Councillor Ford, Acting Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) had produced a proposed budget document for 2018/2019, this was circulated to members prior to the meeting for consideration. It was reviewed in detail by the committee members at the meeting, but no amendments made. Councillor Wilson thanked Councillor Ford for his exemplary work for the council. Information received from North Kesteven District Council (NKDC) suggests the Council Tax Support (CTS) grant will reduce again by 53% and there are no definite figures for the Tax Base. There is still some uncertainty in relation to the LCC funding for the 2 amenity grass cuts for 2018-2019. It was resolved to approve the proposed budget of £137,129.00, this was an increase of £4,369.00 for 2018/2019. The committee will make recommendations to full council for its approval, this was proposed by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Cleland and all were in favour.

Signed: _____

Dated: 30th January 2018

5. **Precept Request 2018/2019:** To review the precept for 2018/2019 (documents circulated with agenda). *Note Information obtained after the Finance Committee Meeting: NKDC have provided DRAFT figures in relation to CTS grant and the information is subject to announcements yet to be made from the Government and subject to formal approval by Full Council on 25th January. In the past four years this grant has reduced and for 2019 it will have ceased.* It was resolved to defer setting the precept until further information is available from NKDC, this was proposed by Councillor Ford, seconded by Councillor Kendrick and all were in favour.
6. **Date, time and venue of next meeting:** TBC.

The meeting closed at 15:30.

Signed: _____

Dated: 30th January 2018