

**Minutes of the Finance and Funding Committee Meeting of Sible Hedingham Parish Council held in the meeting room at the Parish Council Office, 75 Swan Street, Sible Hedingham on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at 10.30am**

Present Cllrs R Volkwyn, B Newman, L Parkin, J Stopher, Mrs G McCoyd (clerk)

Public comment and questions  
There was no public comment

**11. Election of Chairman**

It was decided to defer the appointments of Chairman and Vice Chairman until the next meeting in lieu of the absence of the rest of the Cllrs. Cllr R Volkwyn then took the meeting as Chair of the Council.

**12. Apologies for Absence**

Cllrs G Jefferson (business), L Heywood (business)

**13. Member Declarations. To declare the existence and nature of any Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, other Pecuniary Interest or Non-Pecuniary Interest relating to items on the agenda having regard to the Code of Conduct for Members.**

There were no declarations of interest.

**14. To confirm minutes of previous Finance and Funding Committee Meeting held 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

The minutes of the previous Finance and Funding Committee held on 20<sup>th</sup> June, having been previously circulated, were taken as read were confirmed and duly signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**15. Matters arising from those minutes.**

There were no matters arising.

**16. To consider the budget and the precept for 2018-2019**

The budget was reviewed. There was concern over the budget spend on Horticulture. Cllr R Volkwyn explained that the budget was high due to the cost of grass cutting in the Churchyard. This costs £320 per cut and had previously be done, historically, as a favour for the church, the Parish Council is negotiating this cost with the church.

Notification had been received from BDC that the Localism Fund has been reduced from £7649 to £3825. A draft budget was circulated

showing a precept of £103485, this was agreed subject to approval by SHPC on January 8<sup>th</sup> 2018. It would mean an increase of 0.81% which is 51p.

**17. To consider the ring fenced amounts**

The ring fenced amounts were considered. Due to Highways no longer installing SID's and the Gateway Signs having been installed, it was agreed to increase the amount ring fenced for the car park as repairing the wall and re-surfacing would be a large cost.

**18. To review Petty Cash Account**

The petty cash book was reviewed and noted

**19. To consider the following planning application**

17/02124/FUL 25 Graysmead. Erection of ground /first floor side extension to existing building including the removal of the existing porch.  
No objection

**20. To approve the accounts for payment.**

Cllr B Newman proposed the accounts be approved and paid, Cllr L Parkin seconded and the motion was carried.

**21. Any other business (agenda items for next meeting and exchange of information only)**

There was no other business

The meeting closed.