



Skipton Town Council

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Finance and Policy Committee Thursday 12 January 2017 at 7pm

Present: Cllrs: C J Harbron (Chairman), R G Heseltine, P H Whitaker, J W Dawson, A F Hickman, K M^cIntyre

Also present: Cllrs: J Kerr, Mrs W E Clark, C Clark, E Jaquin, Mrs P Heseltine

Officers: Dave Parker (Chief Officer) and Jill Peacock (Resources Manager)

1. To accept representations from the Public between 7.00 pm and 7.15 pm.

None.

2. To accept apologies for absence.

Cllrs: A Rankine – Work Commitments
C Dow – Work Commitments

3. To record declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests in items on the agenda.

None.

4. To consider the recommendations of the Chief Officer relating to requests for dispensations to Members on items requiring a declaration of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests.

None.

5. To note the minutes from the previous meeting held on 15 December 2016.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes from the Finance and Policy Committee meeting held on 15 December 2016 as a true and accurate record of what transpired at that meeting.

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6. To report information arising from the minutes of items not on the agenda from Members and the Chief Officer.

None.

7. To consider matters relating to the setting of the Council's budget and precept for 2017 – 2018.

Members considered the Council's draft budget and agreed to recommend to Full Council both the proposed budget and agreed level of Precept subject to the changes proposed by the Public Services Committee, which recommended that the Events and Festivals budget be reduced by £4000 and this money utilised for works required to bring the Council's Recreation Grounds up to the standard for DDA compliance.

In addition, it was **RECOMMENDED** that:

- The contract for the Highways Verge Grass Cutting is extended for a further 12-month period.
 - The contract for the Cleaning and Securing of Coach Street Toilets is extended for a further 12-month period.
 - To Increase the annual rent for a full-size plot should be increased to £80. The Council will continue to offer tenants the opportunity to pay their rent by 10 monthly instalments, but an administration fee to be determined will be charged to recover the additional costs for the provision of this facility.
 - The annual rents for the Council's grazing land, more than ten years, should be increased to £200 per annum at Greatwood and £250 per annum at Carleton Road.
 - The hire charges for the Council's meeting room are increased.
8. To receive notification of matters that members would like including on a future agenda.

None.

The meeting closed at 7.30 pm.