

North Petherton Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held at North Petherton Community Centre on 19th November 2018.

Present Cllr P Spencer Chairman

Members of the Committee: Cllr A Bradford, Cllr L Parchment, Cllr W Revans, Cllr Mrs L Spelman Ives and Cllr J Taylor

In attendance Cllr Mrs L Hyde, Cllr J Barham, Cllr R Ives, Cllr Mrs A Fraser and R T Latham
Town Clerk

The meeting commenced at 8:10 pm

F17/2018 Apologies

There were apologies from Cllr B Sellick

F18/2018 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 15th October 2018 were agreed as a correct record.

F19/2018 Matters arising

There were no matters arising

F13/2018 Budget 2019-20 and future years

Cllr Spencer presented updated budget scenarios, which included reduced provision for the grant to the Playing Fields Trust and for the Civic Service as options. He pointed out that the tax base had not yet been received so the impact of different options on the tax levy could only be estimated at this stage. He also said that the Trust could apply for a specific grant to the Council if funds were required for particular projects.

Cllr Mrs Fraser raised the issue of pressure being put on local councils to take on further functions from the principal authorities.

The need for a budget line for Hanging Baskets was questioned as the District Council no longer offered this option. It was felt that this should now form of the Christmas Tree provision.

Members felt that both options could be acceptable.

Resolved: to recommend to Council that a budget be prepared that generated a tax increase of 3 to 4 %

F14/2018 Fordgate Allotment Land

There were a number of issues relating to the tenancy of this land and it was agreed that the Members of the Allotments Committee should arrange to visit the site and discuss the issues.