



DEEPI NG ST JAMES PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of the **Finance and General Purposes Committee** held on **Thursday 12 January 2017 at 7.45pm** in the **Meeting Room** at **The Institute**.

Present: Councillors Barber, Bowell, Gilbert, Pelling and T.Stevens.

32.17 To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies had been received and were accepted from Councillors Dilks, Shinkins J.Stevens and Wallis

33.17 To receive any declarations of interest.

None declared

34.17 To adopt the minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday 17 November 2016 – enclosed.

Agreed and signed by the Chair as an accurate record

35.17 To receive a report of matters arising from the minutes not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda.

None reported

36.17 To receive the responses to the consultation regarding the Town and Parish Council taking on the responsibility of cutting the LCC grass verges from 1 April 2017 and consider the quotations obtained to continue providing this service.

The Clerk advised that there had been a 4.8% response of which 4.1% had been in favour of the Parish Council taking on the responsibility of cutting the grass on the amenity areas within the Parish. The response in received by Market Deeping Town Council had also been favourable with a 5.5% response of which 4.7% had been in favour.

37.17 To receive a report on the Council's finances.

The Clerk provided the Members with updated income and expenditure figures and bank account balances.

38.17 To receive the updated 2017/18 budget estimate report and consider the 2017/18 precept requirement.

After considering the report provided by the Clerk and discussing the budget requirements for 2017/118 the Members agreed that the precept would need to be increased to continue to provide the services currently being provided and also take on the provision of the amenity areas grass cutting and weed killing the gutters services which LCC were ceasing to provide from April 2017. The recommendation to be made to full council would result in a £3.54 increase to the parish element of the council tax precept levied on the average band D property.

39.17 To agree the date of the next meeting

7.45pm on 18 May 2017

Meeting closed at 8.50pm

Signed

Date