

RUSTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

MINUTES: of the Meeting held on 12 January 2009

PRESENT: Councillors G Tyler (Chairman), A Akbar, J Ceiriog-Hughes, J Collins, D Rogers and M Warrington

Prior to the commencement of the formal business, the Chairman welcomed the Committee to the first Meeting of 2009 and conveyed his wishes for a Happy New Year.

These sentiments were reciprocated by the Committee.

1/09 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs Lines (Personal Commitment) and Snell (Personal Commitment). These apologies were accepted by the Committee.

2/09 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS

Councillor Akbar declared a personal interest in Minute 4/09(a). He remained in the Meeting during the consideration of this item and took part in the discussion and vote thereon.

Councillors Ceiriog-Hughes and Rogers declared personal interests in Minute 5/09. They remained in the Meeting during the consideration of this item and took part in the discussion and voting thereon.

3/09 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 22 December 2008 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

4/09 APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT AID

(Prior to consideration of the following item, Councillor Akbar declared a personal interest, as a Bureau Volunteer)

(a) Littlehampton and District Citizens' Advice Bureau

The Committee considered an application for Grant Aid for the year 2009/2010.

The Clerk reminded Members that Grant Aid of £1,200.00 had been awarded to the Citizens' Advice Bureau on an annual basis since April 2004. The amount awarded prior to this date had been £1,000.00

Following a brief discussion, the Committee RECOMMENDED that Grant Aid of £1,500.00 be made for the year commencing 1 April 2009, representing an increase of £300.00 on the previous year.

(b) Rustington Parochial Church Council

The Committee considered a request for a financial contribution towards the upkeep of the Parish Churchyard for the year commencing 1 April 2009, from The Reverend Zachary Allen.

The Clerk reminded the Committee that an increased financial contribution of £1,000.00 had been being made on an annual basis towards the upkeep of the Parish Churchyard since 1 April 2004. The previous contribution, which was first made in April 2002, had been £900.00.

Following a further discussion, the Committee RECOMMENDED that in view of the financial constraints being faced by the Council at the present time, a financial contribution of £1,000.00 be made for the year commencing 1 April 2009.

The Committee also agreed that in order to assist the Committee with its deliberations in this regard in future years, a representative from the Parochial Church Council be invited to attend a future Meeting of the Committee to provide details of how the Council's annual financial contribution was spent.

(Prior to consideration of the following item, Councillors Ceiriog-Hughes and Rogers declared personal interests, as members of the Rustington and District Twinning Association)

5/09 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REQUIREMENTS - 2008/2009 AND 2009/2010

The Committee considered Draft Estimates prepared by the Clerk of the Council and previously circulated.

Following a detailed discussion in respect of all of the Committees' Estimates, the Committee RECOMMENDED that the Council's Income and Expenditure requirements for 2008/2009 and 2009/2010 be as shown in the attached Schedules, which include the following amendments to the original Schedules:-

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2008/2009 Revised Estimate

Museum and Café - Operational Costs	Delete: £29,560.00	Insert: £34,560.00
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2009/2010 Estimate

Citizens' Advice Bureau - Grant	Delete: £ 1,200.00	Insert: £ 1,500.00
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Grant Aid	Delete: £ 4,000.00	Insert: £ 3,700.00
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The Committee expressed its gratitude to the Clerk and the administrative personnel for their hard work and efforts in respect of the Council's financial administration.

6/09 PRECEPT 2009/2010

The Committee RECOMMENDED the issue of a Precept on the Arun District Council in the sum of £560,000.00 for 2009/2010.

The Chairman reminded the Committee that the proposed Parish Precept of £560,000.00 represented a total annual increase of £0.39p on the previous year's Parish Precept for a Band 'D' household in Rustington.

Chairman:

Date: