

RUSTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

MINUTES: of the Meeting held on 7 January 2010

PRESENT: Councillors G Tyler (Chairman), A Akbar, Mrs C Broomfield, J Ceiriog-Hughes, J Collins, Mrs S Lines, D Rogers and P Warren

Prior to the commencement of the formal business, the Chairman welcomed the Committee to the first Meeting of 2010 and conveyed his wishes for a Happy New Year.

1/10 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS

Councillor Akbar declared a personal interest in Minute 3/10(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 4/10. They remained in the Meeting during the consideration of this item and took part in the discussion and voting thereon.

2/10 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 21 December 2009 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

3/10 APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT AID

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

(a) Arun and Chichester Citizens' Advice Bureau

The Committee considered an application for Grant Aid for the year 2010/2011.

The Clerk reminded Members that Grant Aid of £1,500.00 had been awarded to the Citizens' Advice Bureau for 2009/2010.

Following a detailed discussion, the Committee RECOMMENDED that:-

- (i) Grant Aid of £1,500.00 be made for the year commencing 1 April 2010
- (ii) The Bureau be advised that the Council was pleased to learn that the outreach in Rustington might be extended and hoped that the grant awarded would be utilised in the provision of such an extended service for the local community.

(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 2010, from Reverend Zachary Allen.

The Chairman advised the Committee that, unfortunately, due to the time change of the Meeting, Reverend Allen had been unable to attend the Meeting. He had, however, advised the Clerk that the grant awarded by the Council was mainly spent on the Gardener's wages. He said that due to the lack of open spaces within the Village, the Churchyard was used as a public amenity and, therefore, required regular maintenance.

The Clerk reminded the Committee that a 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.

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 2010, which did not represent any increase on the previous year.

The Committee also RECOMMENDED that a suggestion be made to Reverend Allen that to enable the Council to give well-informed consideration to a possible increase in its contribution for the financial year commencing 1 April 2011, a representative from the Council should be invited to join the Church's Group responsible for the upkeep of the Churchyard.

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

4/10 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REQUIREMENTS - 2009/2010 AND 2010/2011

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 2009/2010 and 2010/2011 be as shown in the attached Schedules, which include the following amendments to the original Schedules:-

Leisure and Recreation Committee (External)

2009/2010 Revised Estimate

Training	Delete: £ 500.00	Insert: £ 200.00
Signs	Delete: £ 500.00	Insert: £ 300.00
Play Area	Delete: £ 3,000.00	Insert: £ 4,000.00
Fencing	Delete: £ 500.00	Insert: £ 300.00
Horticultural Supplies	Delete: £ 1,500.00	Insert: £ 1,200.00

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.

5/10 PRECEPT 2010/2011

The Committee RECOMMENDED the issue of a Precept on the Arun District Council in the sum of £564,000.00 for 2010/2011.

The Chairman reminded the Committee that the proposed Parish Precept of £564,000.00 represented a total annual increase of £0.36p on the previous year's Parish Precept for a Band 'D' household in Rustington.

Chairman:

Date: