

ST GERMANS PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held at the Eliot Hall on Thursday 6 February 2020 at 9.15am

Present

Cllr N Witton, Cllr P Pipe, Cllr G Mackeen and Cllr D Carter (Chairman)

1. Declarations of Interests and Dispensations

- 1.1 To receive declarations of interest from Councillors on items on the agenda
 - 1.2 To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests
 - 1.3 To grant any requests for dispensations as appropriate
- There were no declaration of interests made.

Public participation

There were no members of the public present.

2. Apologies for absence

Cllr Skelton was absent without an apology.

3. Approval of minutes of F&GP Committee meeting held on 15 October 2019 (to approve the minutes as a correct record)

It was proposed by Cllr Pipe and seconded by Cllr Witton that the minutes be approved. All were in favour. (The minutes will be signed at the next F&GP Committee meeting).

4. Review of current budget and actuals to-date

The Clerk circulated copies of the current income and expenditure spreadsheet, highlighting the spending to-date for each of the headings, against the 2019-20 budget and the amount left to spend. Explanations were provided on each heading. It was proposed by Cllr Pipe to approve this spreadsheet, seconded by Cllr Mackeen. All in favour.

5. Councillor allowances

The Clerk circulated an example allowances and expenses policy which was discussed by all. It was agreed for the Clerk to amend as discussed (in line with Cornwall Council staff provision book) and present at February PC meeting for approval. Once agreed the Financial Regulations will be updated to reflect this policy.

6. Investment policy & banking

The Clerk circulated some saving accounts information from Lloyds and Nat West. It was proposed by Cllr Carter that the Liquidity Manager account is used for Nat West and £40,000.00 is moved to the Lloyds savings account. Seconded by Cllr Mackeen. Agreed by all.

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7. Bid to Gateway panel

Cllr Witton proposed that the Parish Council make an application to the Gateway for £7,000.00 for a 20mph TRO throughout St Germans. Seconded by Cllr Mackeen. Approved by all.

8. Request to support the local electricity bill

Cllr Pipe proposed this is supported. Seconded by Cllr Witton. Agreed by all.

9. To agree and make recommendations for the Parish Council

It was agreed to make the following recommendations back to full council to accept:

~the Councillors Allowance and Expenses policy and update the Financial Regulations to reflect this new policy.

~the new Investment policy.

~to move the NatWest money to a Liquidity Manager account.

~to move £40,000.00 of Lloyds money into the savings account.

~to submit an EOI to the Gateway panel for £7,000.00 for a 20mph TRO.

~to support the local electricity bill and pass a resolution.

Meeting closed at 10.05am.

Signed as a true record of the meeting.....

Chairman

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Date