



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE OFFICE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE OF MAWNAN PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 5th DECEMBER 2018 IN THE RENDLESHAM ROOM, MAWNAN MEMORIAL HALL.

PRESENT: Cllrs Faiers (chair), Brooksbank, Marsden, Moyle, Nash & co-opted member Mr Prasad

ALSO PRESENT: Mrs L Clements, clerk

246.18F TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None noted

247.18F MEMBERS TO DECLARE DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND NON-REGISTERABLE INTERESTS (INCLUDING DETAILS THEREOF) IN RESPECT OF ANY ITEMS ON THE AGENDA AND ANY GIFTS OR HOSPITALITY EXCEEDING £25

None noted

248.18F TO CONSIDER REQUESTS FROM COUNCILLORS FOR DISPENSATIONS

None noted

249.18F PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

None noted

250.18F TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THIS COMMITTEE HELD ON THE 8th OCTOBER 2018

It was agreed to defer this to the [full office & finance] January meeting

251.18F TO DISCUSS CURRENT/ FUTURE RESERVES

The current earmarked grants and the levels of general reserves were discussed. It was also raised that the NDP group had been asked about village parking and the purchasing of land behind the Memorial Hall (highly unlikely) as well as using our reserves as a platform for match funding applications.

Cllr Brooksbank queried the margins on the reserves being held (the clerk explained that audit were set to query anything over 3 times the precept).

There were discussions about the use of grants to fund the larger project at Carwinion (the MCA takeback); the fact that the playing fields were the only parish held property with development potential and complete transparency in offering increased grant provisions – but it was agreed these discussion should only be happening at a Trust meeting as they did not relate of Parish Council funds.

It was proposed by Cllr Brooksbank, seconded by Cllr Marsden and **RESOLVED** that the reserves as stated be agreed to for 2019/20.

on a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously

252.18F **TO DISCUSS THE ANNUAL SOLAR GRANT ALLOCATION INTO THE BUDGET & PROPOSAL FOR FULL PARISH COUNCIL**

The clerk started the discussion with Cllr Sadler's objection to the ongoing £5000 being put into the grant pot since we are not getting the £25,000 expected. She also reminded councillors that the PTA was intending to put in a minimum bid for £5000 for the school outdoor stage.

It was proposed by Cllr Brooksbank seconded by Cllr Nash and **RESOLVED** that the Solar Grant Fund continues with its £5000 contribution to the '*Donations/Grants*' budget line for 2019/20 but that this could be reviewed in year.

on a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously

253.18F **TO AGREE THE PRECEPT/ BUDGET TO BE PROPOSED AT THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING IN DECEMBER.**

There were discussions on maintaining the percentage ratio between Cornwall Council & the Parish based on projected figures of a 3.99% county increase and 4-9 new homes in the parish, rather than just putting up the precept 1% as we had been doing.

Cllr Brooksbank asked why we still did not add in income to the budget setting. Mr Prasad explained that since we could not guarantee other incomes, or they did not affect the budget, it could be confusing to have them showing.

It was proposed by Cllr Marsden seconded by Cllr Moyle and **RESOLVED** that the precept be increased by 4% to £44,470.40 for 2019/20 and the budget be set at £ £41,562.00.

on a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously

The meeting finished at 8.15pm