

**FERRING PARISH COUNCIL
FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
(Advisory Powers Only)**

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Minutes of the FPC Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held at 8.00pm on Tuesday 22nd November 2016 at the Parish Office.

Present	Chairman	Carole Robertson
	Councillors	Ruth Sims
		Geoff Mines
		Terry Jackson
		Stephen Abbott
		Chris Headon
Apologies	Councillors	Peter Evans
		Roger Elkins

	The Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting opened at 8.00pm and all those present were welcomed.	
1.	Apologies for absence: Apologies were received from Councillors Peter Evans & Roger Elkins	Actions
2.	Declarations of interest: There were none	
3.	Public Question Time: There were no members of the public present	

4.	<p>To confirm the Minutes of the last meeting held 4th October 2016:</p> <p>The Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 4th October 2016 were approved by the Committee as a correct record.</p>	
5.	<p>Matters arising from the report of the last meeting held on 4th October 2016:</p>	
6.	<p>Accounts and Finance:</p> <p>The income and expenditure schedule for September & October 2016 were reviewed and will be recommended to Full Council.</p>	
7.	<p>Parish Clerk Report including Financial Matters:</p> <p>The Parish Clerk advised that the lintels over the office back door are in need of repair. A local builder has examined the lintels and will provide a quotation which will be discussed at the Community & Facilities Committee Meeting on 28th November.</p> <p>The Parish Clerk advised that the External Audit has been returned by the Auditor with no issues raised. The Parish Clerk was thanks by the Committee.</p>	
8.	<p>Environment Committee:</p> <p>Councillor Geoff Mines advised that the charges for an allotment have not been reviewed for some years. The Environment Committee suggested an increase in the charges from £10 per quarter plot to £12 and from £15 for half plot to £20 from 1st April 2017. It was acknowledged that although the increase was quite high in percentage terms, the cost of an allotment is still considered reasonable for the Arun District.</p> <p>The above will be recommended to Full Council.</p>	
9.	<p>Neighbourhood Plan Implementation (including CRTBO's) Committee:</p> <p>Councillor Carole Robertson advised that the WSCC valuation for the Glebelands has been chased and Councillor Peter Evans is in the process of arranging the meeting between WSCC & FPC</p>	

10.	<p>Public Conveniences:</p> <p>Councillor Carole Robertson advised that ADC Cabinet have resolved to accept the recommendation a stay of execution. ADC Officers will explore the potential for a commercial development to include the retention and management of the public conveniences in Ferring. A further report will be presented to Cabinet in Autumn 2017 seeking a final decision on the future of the public conveniences following completion of the feasibility work.</p> <p>It was acknowledged that FPC may still need to take the responsibility of the public conveniences at a later date and it was suggested that any discussions regarding the precept for 2016 - 2017 should take this into consideration.</p> <p>This will be discussed as an agenda item under the Community & Facilities Committee with any recommendations made to Full Council.</p>	
11.	<p>Items to be referred to next Agenda and items for information only:</p> <p>Due to the delays and uncertainty with Arun Local Plan, the Committee to deliberate if FPC should consider suspending any further developments with the Ferring Neighbourhood Plan.</p>	
12.	<p>The next Finance Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 3rd January 2017 at 8.00pm at the Parish Office</p>	
	<p>The meeting closed at 8.30pm.</p>	