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**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 7.30pm on Tuesday 13th February 2017 at the Parish Office.

Present	Chairman	Carole Robertson
	Councillors	Ruth Sims
		Peter Evans (arrived 7.35pm)
		Terry Jackson
		Stephen Abbott
		Geoff Mines
		Roger Elkins
Apologies	Councillors	Chris Headon

	The Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting opened at 7.30pm and all those present were welcomed.	
1.	Apologies for absence: Apologies were received from Councillor Chris Headon	Actions
2.	Declarations of interest: There were none	
3.	Public Question Time: There were no members of the public present	
4.	To confirm the Minutes of the last meeting held 3rd January 2017: The Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 3 rd January 2017 were approved by the Committee as a correct record.	

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5.	Matters arising from the report of the last meeting held on 3rd January 2017: Lintels at the rear of the Parish Office, waiting to receive the second written quotation. Ownership of the Pantiles – To be discussed under agenda item 8. Precept – Completed and submitted to ADC.	
6.	Accounts and Finance: The income and expenditure schedule for December 2016 & January 2017 were reviewed and will be recommended to Full Council.	
7.	Parish Clerk Report including Financial Matters: There was nothing to report	

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<p>8.</p>	<p>Environment Committee:</p> <p>Ownership of the Pantiles: Members will recall that at the Full Council Meeting 16th January, concerns were raised in relation to the cost to transfer the land and it was unanimously agreed that this matter required further consideration. A further quotation for the legal costs has been obtained and it was agreed that Ferring Parish Council to take ownership of the land is still the preferred option and will be recommended to Full Council. Councillor Roger Elkins will seek advice from a Drainage Officer at ADC for clarification with regards to the transfer/ownership of the ditch.</p> <p>Benches: It was acknowledged that there are only two benches and one picnic bench on the village green. The Environment Committee suggest that FPC could consider purchasing one further bench and one further picnic bench. Councillor Geoff Mines advised that if FPC purchases the benches, ADC will install and maintain with no charge. It was agreed to pursue with the purchase subject the overall cost. This will be recommended to Full Council.</p> <p>Bus Shelters: The possibility of two further bus shelters in the village was discussed. The first along Goring Way was dismissed by the Environment Committee and the second in Langbury Lane was considered. However, concerns were raised as the whether there is sufficient space to erect a bus shelter in Langbury Lane. It was agreed that Councillor Geoff Mines and the Parish Clerk will investigate further and measure the proposed site.</p> <p>Tree Planting: Councillor Geoff Mines advised members that the Environment Committee has discussed the option to plant some trees to enhance certain locations in the village including around the pylon on the village green and at the south end of Sea Lane. Further information will be provided at the next meeting. Councillor Roger Elkins advised of a piece of green along the A259 where vehicles are churning the grass and if there is the possibility of trees being planted at this location. This will be an item on the next Environment Committee Agenda.</p> <p>Patterson's Walk: Permission has been granted from the Environment Agency, ADC and the Bluebird Café in relation to the extension of Patterson's Walk. Quotations to complete the work have been obtained and the Conservation Group and Councillor Peter Evans will be asked to assist with an application for WSCC Community Imitative Funding.</p>	<p>FC</p> <p>RE</p> <p>FC</p> <p>PC/GM</p> <p>APC</p> <p>GM</p>
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9.	Neighbourhood Plan Implementation (including CRTBO's) Committee: The date of the meeting between WSCC & FPC is still to be confirmed. Councillor Peter Evans will chase WSCC Cabinet Member for Finance, Jeremy Hunt.	PE
10.	Items to be referred to next Agenda and items for information only: There was nothing to mention	
11.	The next Finance Committee Meeting is scheduled for Monday 20 th March 2017 at 7.30pm at the Parish Office	
	The meeting closed at 8.00pm.	