Radcliffe-on-Trent Parish Council Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting held in the Radcliffe Room, The Grange, on Monday 01 December 2014 at 7pm

Cllrs. Gordon Moore (Chairman)

Mrs Mel McKechnie (Vice Chairman)

Rod Brears

Mrs Penny Astill

Graham Leigh-Browne

Mrs Janet Maughan (A)

Mrs Jean Smith (A)

Peter Robinson

James Spencer
Bill Sylvester (A)

Mrs Josephine Spencer
Mrs Pam Thompson

Dominic Tompkin John Thorn

Ex Officio: Cllrs. Mrs Georgia Moore and Roger Upton

Also Present: Jacki Grice (Parish Clerk) and two residents.

1. <u>Apologies</u>: Cllrs Janet Maughan, Jean Smith and Bill Sylvester

Declarations of Interest

- **2.** None received.
- 3. <u>Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 06 October 2014.</u> It was **RESOLVED**: "That the minutes are approved and signed by the Chairman."

Chairman's Announcements

4. The National Joint Council has reached a salary award agreement for Staff employed under NJC terms and conditions. The Local Government Association advise that the National Employers and the Trade Unions have agreed to consult on new pay proposals but there is no formal pay offer at present.

Clerk's Reports on Matters and Actions Arising from Previous Minutes

5. M. 6 Street Trading

It was noted that uninvited traders were outside the Grange Grounds gates during the Charity event at the weekend. However when approached they did offer a donation.

6. M. 10 Bingham Road Bench Outside Infant School

The bench has now been installed. Cllr Jo Spencer would enquire with the Infant School if there is to be a memorial presentation to the family of Frank Thompson.

7. M.12 Audit

Officers have met with CA Plus and are confident they will provide an effective internal audit service.

8. M.16 ROTSPA

Due to the disbandment of ROTSPA. The organisation has advised that the Management Committee and Trustees will be discussing donating funds in hand to various causes in March 2015.

- 9. Open Session for Members of the Public to Raise Relevant Matters, Limited to 15 Minutes
- **10.** Standing Orders were suspended at 7.08pm

Residents thanked the Committee Chairman, Cllr Gordon Moore for his excellent stewardship of the Councils finances for the past 9 years.

- **11.** Standing Orders were resumed at 7.09pm
- 12. <u>Income/Expenditure Figures and Cheques for September 2014</u> were discussed and it was **RESOLVED**: "that they be accepted and approved by the committee."

- 13. <u>Income/Expenditure Figures and Cheques for October 2014</u> were discussed and it was **RESOLVED**: "that they be accepted and approved by the committee."
- **14.** The Clerk would make enquiries with Mason Infotech if a standard monthly fee could be arranged to accommodate all phone calls.
- **15.** Members requested that the financial information documents be sequentially numbered in future for ease of reference.
- **16.** Bar Commission has still not been received from the Bar Operator who provided the service in August. It was **Resolved:** "To instruct the Clerk to go through the Small Claims Court process."

17. To Note Reallocation of 2014/15 Budget Funds

Members were updated on changes within available funds due to unbudgeted expenditure on unexpected items. It was **Resolved**: "To approve the amendments."

- **18.** £5,000 had been transferred from Play Areas to Cemetery to accommodate the kerb stones and audit. However three Councillors, John Thorn, Pam Thompson and Jo Spencer requested that the next Amenities Committee revisit this decision.
- 19. It was requested that the September and October expenditure reports did not show the recent budget changes retrospectively.

Grant Applications

20. Methodist Youth Group: Set Up Costs for a Community Mini Bus

It was **Resolved**: "To award a grant of £500."

Radcliffe on Trent Sports Association: Running Costs

21. It was **Resolved:** "To award a grant of £2,500."

Budget 2015/16: To Consider Draft Budget

- 22. The Committee Chairman advised that this was his 9th and final budget. Members thanked him for his leadership in looking after Councils financial affairs.
- 23. The precept and budget draft was considered. It was **Resolved:** "To recommend the 2015/16 budget to full council save for the following amendment increase of £4,000 in Play Areas to make a total of £7,500 (via transfer to reserves).
- 24. <u>Local Government Boundary Commission: Electoral Review of Nottinghamshire</u> Noted.

Reports from Outside Organisations

- 25. The Pre-School Playgroup currently operates from the SNA site, due to the new build they are looking into options to relocate within the village. The Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Council have agreed to meet with representatives to discuss the matter.
- **26.** A new Head Teacher has been appointed at the Junior School and the Infants School are interviewing this week.

Correspondence

27. N.C.C Consultation on Spending Proposals 2015/16 – 2017/18

The public consultation commenced on 12 November and will close on 16 January 2015. Members were informed that Langar Tip is at risk of closure. Noted.

Date of Next Meeting

28. 02 February 2015

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.29pm

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