

**MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
OF BERSTED PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT 19:00 ON TUESDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2017
AT BERSTED JUBILEE HALL, CHALCRAFT LANE**

Present: Cllrs. D. Lainchbury (Chairman), K. Greenway, B. Knight, T. Marshall,
D. Meagher, P. Ralph and J. Spencer

In attendance: Mrs D. Holcombe (RFO/Clerk) and Mrs S. O'Connell (Deputy Clerk)

17255 Apologies for Absence

None

17256 Declarations of Interests

Members were reminded that should interests arise during the meeting they should be declared at that time.

17257 Minutes of the Meeting of the 26th September 2017

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the 26th September 2017, having been circulated in advance, be taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

17258 Matters Arising from the Minutes

Minute 17185b – Polo Shirts – These are almost ready and should arrive soon.

Minute 17186 – New Website – Progress has been made and it will go live shortly.

17259 Grants

2017 remaining budget of £300

Members discussed the applications and agreed the following:

	Requested	Granted
The Rock Challenge Team	£500	£300

RESOLVED that the Council, in accordance with its powers under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, should incur the above expenditure, which in the opinion of the Council, is in the interests of the area and its inhabitants and will benefit them in the manner commensurate with expenditure.

ACTION the Deputy Clerk to inform the applicants after the Council Meeting on 12 December 2017.



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- 17260 Reserves**
 The Clerk had previously circulated a report on the Reserves. Members considered the report and discussed the possibility of a business plan in 2018 for the next 5 years. Members agreed no changes were needed to the current situation of the Reserves.
RESOLVED to agree that no changes were needed to the current situation of the Reserves.
- 17261 Budget 2018 - 2019**
 The Clerk had previously circulated the final budget for 2018 – 2019. The Clerk explained that a couple of cost centres had been altered due to an increase in water rates and telephone bills, but the total expenditure had not changed. Members discussed the final budget and agreed to recommend it to Council at the December Council Meeting.
RESOLVED to recommend the final budget to Council at the December Council Meeting.
- 17262 Bersted Jubilee Hall Expenditure 2017 -18**
 The Clerk had previously circulated the income and expenditure report for Bersted Jubilee Hall and informed members that spending was where it should be at this time of year.
RESOLVED to approve the income and expenditure report for Bersted Jubilee Hall.
- 17263 Correspondence**
- New External Auditor for West Sussex from 2018 for the next 5 years will be Moore Stephens.
 - Arun DC inviting parishes to send them their precept request for 2018/2019
- 17264 Urgent Matters**
 None

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 19:31

SignedChairman of the Committee



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