

**MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
OF BERSTED PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT 19:00 ON TUESDAY 25th SEPTEMBER 2018
AT BERSTED JUBILEE HALL, CHALCRAFT LANE**

Present: Cllrs., R. Dear, K. Greenway (Chairman) and J. Spencer

In attendance: Mrs Holcombe (Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer) and Mrs S. O'Connell (Deputy Clerk).

18195 Apologies for Absence
Cllr Knight (other business)

18196 Declarations of Interests
Members were reminded that should interests arise during the meeting they should be declared at that time.

18197 Minutes of the Meeting of the 26th June 2018
RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the 26th June 2018, having been circulated in advance, be taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

18198 Matters Arising from the Minutes
None

18199 Reserves
The Clerk had previously circulated the reserves for members to consider. New items to be ring fenced in the reserves were election costs and new roof.
RESOLVED to approve the reserves.

18200 Budget
The Clerk had previously circulated the draft budget for 2019 – 2020 to members for consideration. Members considered the draft budget and agreed to recommend it to Council at the October Meeting.
RESOLVED to recommend to Council the 2019-2020 draft budget.

18201 Bersted Parish Council Expenditure
The Clerk will circulate prior to the meeting, current spend for members to approve.
RESOLVED to approve the income & expenditure report.

Request from Arun Sounds for a deduction on their booking on 13th October in aid of "Arun Angels".



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RESOLVED to approve a 50% reduction in the hall hire fees for Arun Sounds event on 13th October in aid of “Arun Angels”

To agree and approve the donation of the surplus stock of Parish Festival drinks etc to CREATE.

RESOLVED to approve the donation of surplus stock from the Parish Festival to CREATE.

To agree and approve the pledge from CREATE to support in any way we can not necessarily just financially (see pledge).

The pledge is to support CREATE by any means i.e. refreshments, free use of a hall, advertising, support for any grant applications they make, with the disclaimer that any support the Parish Council could offer would not tie the Council into any legal or financial agreement. Members agreed to recommend to Council that it pledges to support CREATE on this basis.

RESOLVED to recommend to Council that the Parish Council will pledge to support CREATE, with the above disclaimer.

18202 Parish Plan - Extension

Members gave a lot of thought to where this might be situated and the logistics. Members concluded that it would be prudent to employ an architect to look at the building to give a clear idea of what is possible in the way of a future extension. The cost of an architect would be covered by the projects cost centre. Members agreed they would recommend this course of action to Council.

RESOLVED to recommend to Council that an architect is employed to look at the possibility of a future extension and its location.

18203 Correspondence

Notification received from ESG Security Services informing of a 3.5% increase on call out charges with effect from 1st October 2018 (£10.67).

18204 Urgent Matters

None

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 20:43

Signed Chairman of the Committee Date



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