

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD  
ON TUESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2016 AT 7.30PM IN THE TOWN HALL.**

**PRESENT:**

Cllr Mrs P H Whiting (Chairman)  
Cllr R J Gell  
Cllr D C Lawson MBE  
Cllr H L Jackson  
Cllr Mrs V Newbery  
Cllr B Prigmore  
Cllr J Smithers (substitute for Cllr Mrs A Sauntson)  
Cllr P Tomas  
Mrs S J Mitcham (Town Clerk)

1. **APOLOGIES**

Cllr Mrs A M Sauntson

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

3. **MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:**

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2016 be signed by the Chairman as being a true and correct record..

4. **PUBLIC FORUM (15 minutes)**

No public present.

5. **GRANT APPLICATIONS 2017/18**

5.1. **Higham Ferrers Bowls Club.**

The club had requested a grant of £3800. The healthy state of the balance sheet of the club was noted and a reduction on the grant agreed, following a failed motion to give no grant,

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:**

That a grant of £3000 be given to Higham Ferrers Bowls Club for 2017/18 toward maintenance of the green. The club to be asked to attempt to provide 3 estimates for the work.

5.2. **Higham Ferrers Cricket Club**

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:**

That a grant of £1330 be given to Higham Ferrers Cricket Club for 2017/18 towards the maintenance of the wicket.

6. **RUSHDEN-HIGHAM LINK**

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:**

That the Council continue subsidising the Rushden-Higham bus link by up to £5616 in 2017/18.

7. **FARMERS' MARKET STALL FEES**

**RESOLVED:**

That the Farmers' Market Stall Fees remain at £20 per stall per market for 2017/18.

8. **PURCHASE OF A VEHICLE**

A report had been circulated outlining costs for the purchase of a Piaggio, running costs and uses for a vehicle including costs of disposing of waste. The report also detailed the cost of the essential car user rate. Comments during discussion included whether the Council should continue watering the planters.

**RESOLVED:**

That a decision be deferred and a working party be set up to look at the feasibility of purchasing a vehicle. The Litter Working Party to look at the options re emptying of bins on Town Council land.

9. **ALTERATION TO TOWN HALL OFFICES**

A report had been circulated outlining the proposed alterations and proposed costs.

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:**

That a budget be set of £1200 for alterations to the Town Hall Office and purchase of desk and chair for the Town Manager.

10. **BUDGETS 2017/18**

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:**

That the budgets for 2017/18 as per the attached report be agreed.

11. **PRECEPT 2017/18**

Based on the budget figures agreed above the precept figure proposed was £340,000. Based on the indicative Council Tax Base of 2805 this was a Band D figure of £121.21. An increase of £13.12 per annum and 25 per week from the current year.

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:**

That the precept figure be £340,000 for 2017/18.

12. **ITEMS TO REPORT**

None.

13. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING.**

14<sup>th</sup> February 2016

Chairman

Date