

MINUTES
of the
EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE
FINANCE AND ASSETS COMMITTEE
held on Monday 17th September 2018 at 6pm
at the Civic Centre, Sambourne Road, Warminster, BA12 8LB

Committee membership:

Cllr Batchelor (Broadway)	A	Cllr Pitcher (Broadway)	AB
Cllr Davis (East)	*	Cllr Ridout, Vice Chairman (West)	*
Cllr Jolley (Broadway)	A	Cllr Robbins, Chairman (East)	A
Cllr Nicklin (West)	*		

Key: * Present A Apologies AB Absent

In attendance:

Officers: Fiona Fox (Town Clerk), Tom Dommett (Assistant Town Clerk), Judith Halls (Officer)

Council Members: Warminster Town Council (WTC) Cllr Denis Brett

Public and press: 2 members of the public and 0 press

FA/18/034 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Batchelor, Jolley and Robbins.

FA/18/035 Declaration of Interest

None

FA/18/036 Minutes

FA/18/036.1 The minutes of the Finance and Assets Committee meeting held on Monday 3rd September 2018 **were approved and signed by the Vice-Chairman.**

FA/18/036.2 There were no matters arising.

FA/18/037 Chairman's Announcements

Cllr Ridout read Members a letter from the Warminster Flers Group in which they thanked the Council for their recent grant award.

FA/18/038 Questions

None.

Standing Orders were suspended at 6.07pm to allow for public participation

FA/18/039 Public Participation

A member of the public asked why the play area consultation item would be heard under closed session. It was explained that Members had sought advice from the Council's solicitor on the options available regarding the play areas and Members were to receive this advice via the Clerk. This information was to be discussed in the context of reports for decision and legal advice was privileged information.

Standing Orders were at 6.09pm to allow for public participation

FA/18/040 Reports from Unitary Authority Members

None.

FA/18/041 The Chairman proposed bringing forward the Dewey Trust item. This was unanimously agreed.

FA/18/042 Dewey Trust

Cllr Nicklin proposed Members ratify the additional award of £400.00 from the Dewey Trust for the benefit of Copheap volunteers. Seconded Cllr Ridout, voting was unanimously in favour.

Councillor Ridout proposed moving into a confidential session pursuant to Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 owing to the confidential nature of the legal advice to be given regarding the decision on play areas. Seconded Cllr Nicklin, voting was unanimously in favour.

FA/18/043 Play Areas Consultation

Cllr Ridout proposed that the Committee should recommend to Full Council that Warminster Town Council ask Wiltshire Council for the asset transfer of the eight play areas under the ownership of Wiltshire Council and that authority be delegated to the Clerk to make further enquiries regarding Victoria Fields which is currently owned by Persimmon. Seconded by Cllr Nicklin. Voting 2 in favour, 1 against, abstention Nil. Motion carried.

FA/18/044 Communications

None.

Meeting closed 6.50pm

Date of next meeting: 5th November 2018

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