

Harrietsham Parish Council
Finance and General Purposes Committee
Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 10th January 2019 at 7:30pm

1. **Present:** Cllrs Dean (Chairman), Foster, Roots, Stanley and M Cuerden (RFO/Amenity Manager)
Apologies: Cllr T Sams
Members of the public: None

2. **Disclosures:** None.

3. **Minutes of the last meeting** (15th November 2018) were been approved at the subsequent Council meeting. A further copy was signed at this meeting for F&GP records.

4. **Review of Accounts to Date** – The RFO started by asking Cllr Dean, as Chairman, to check and confirm the bank balances as stated for the end of December, comparing the original statements with the bank reconciliation in the accounts. All was found to be in order. He then went through the income and expenditure spreadsheets, looking at each column in turn, and answering questions as they arose. The conclusion was that the year appeared to be progressing well, with everything being pretty much on track.

5. **Budget for 2019/2020** – The RFO presented his estimates for next year’s income and expenditure, informed by the actuals to date, together with estimates for the remainder of the year. It was his conclusion that the precept for a standard Band D property could remain the same as for 2018/19, and he went on to answer questions from councillors. It was agreed to **Recommend to Council** that the precept be kept at £94.72 – a zero percent increase – giving a total precept to be requested from MBC of £120,190. Proposed Cllr Roots, seconded Cllr Foster, all in favour.

6. **Summer Fun Club grant application** – Following receipt of further information from the Club, there was a wide ranging discussion. During this, Cllr Roots posed the question as to whether we wished to support the Club, to which the general consensus was that we did. Cllr Dean raised a concern that there was a significant proportion of the attendees who didn’t come from Harrietsham, and who were therefore benefiting from the use of our precept. The counter to that was that these external attendees made the Club viable, and were therefore beneficial to the Harrietsham children. In the end, it was agreed to **Recommend to Council** that the grant request be met in full (£500), proposed Cllr Foster, seconded Cllr Roots, all in favour.

7. **Date of next meeting** – Thursday 18th April 2019, at 2:30pm in the Parish Office.

Meeting closed at 8:40pm.

Recommendations to Council::

That the precept request to MBC should be for £120,190, which should generate a Band D precept of £94.72 – no increase on the previous year.

That the Summer Fun Club’s grant request of £500 should be met in full (from next year’s budget, so payable in April).