

## COLNBROOK WITH POYLE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE meeting held at the Village Hall, Colnbrook on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2016, commencing at 7.55pm.

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman – Cllr Hood  
Cllrs Angell, Bedi, Jackson, Kinane, Richardson, Grewal, Smith  
and Elum-Smith (8.10pm).

Officer Present: Mrs K. J. Jones - Clerk & Finance Officer  
Members of the Public: 0

FP/15/63 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE  
Received from Cllrs Brooks, Bryant and Laxman.

FP/15/64 MINUTES  
The minutes of the Finance & Policy Committee meeting held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2016 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

FP/15/65 DECLARATIONS OF INTREST  
None

FP/15/66 PCSO CONTRACT  
The Chairman and Cllr Angell had attended a meeting with Superintendent Bowden and Inspector Sarah Cook of TVP, to resolve the way forward with the PCSO contract. The exchange had been good but there was no contract produced, to sign at the moment. It was evident that TVP were not in a position to comply with the conditions in the contract as it currently stands as the PCSO's have to complete more paper work and conduct interviews so cannot be visible for 80% of the time as stipulated. Since the role of a PCSO would appear to be different from when the contract was first drawn up alterations need to be made. These would have to be seen by the council before renewal. The current contract expires at the end of March.  
Cllr Grewal felt that if they could only be visible in the community 50% this was not enough as need maximum coverage. Cllr Hood explained the statistically visibility does not reduce crime, however a uniformed presence increases the feeling of security. Cllr Smith said the original wording of the contract was to 'address the fear of crime' and if this was not deliverable the council should question the viability and the value for money.  
Cllr Hood stated that the alternative may be to commission a Community Warden through SBC then the council would have more control over the role. Cllr Kinane queried what powers they have and if the parish would get the same amount of coverage from TVP if it did not pay for a PCSO. If so it should not renew the contract.

FP/15/67 LIST OF PAYMENTS  
The list of payments from 17<sup>th</sup> February to 15<sup>th</sup> March 2016 in the sum of £4,018.61 (inc VAT) was circulated and, subject to questions answered, *Approved.*

FP/15/68 PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Hood informed the meeting that although Paul Stimpson, Planning Policy Lead Officer at SBC, had attended the council meeting on 1/03/16 no council members of the Neighbourhood Plan working Group had been there. The working group needs to inform the council of what it is doing. Cllr Grewal to contact others in this regard. Paul Stimpson had stated that with regard to the Local Plan, SBC could not proceed without knowing the outcomes of the Third Runway and SIFE enquiries. Cllr Elum-Smith (who had just joined the meeting) confirmed this and stated that any application for funds may be stopped because of the pending enquiry decisions and recommended that the neighbourhood plan be deferred until after the Third runway decision in the summer. *All Agreed*

FP/15/69 PARISH PLAN

Cllr Hood was pressing to find out what would happen with the Doctors Surgery after September 2017 when the current lease expires. There was concern that if this satellite surgery was lost, since there was no bus service to Langley the residents would suffer.

He explained that Dr Adam had looked at alternatives but had found no suitable properties.

Cllr Hood suggested that if the council did not renew the PCSO contract the money saved could be used to take out a mortgage to purchase the building under the Community Right to Bid scheme, subject to it being accepted it could then be a community asset owned by the council to be leased to the surgery practice. *The clerk to carry out a feasibility study.*

FP/15/70 QUESTIONS TO CHAIRMAN ARISING FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING ON 01/03/2016.

None

The meeting closed at 8.22pm.

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