



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE ON TUESDAY 23<sup>RD</sup>  
JANUARY HELD IN THE PARISH MEETING ROOM, GOUDHURST ROAD,  
MARDEN COMMENCING AT 7.30PM**

- 35/18 **Present:** Cllrs Adam, Boswell, Mannington and Tippen. Cllrs Brown, Harvey, Jones Newton and Turner together with the Clerk were also in attendance.
- 36/18 **Apologies:** There were no apologies.
- 37/18 **(a) Register of Interests:** There were no amendments to the register of interests  
**(b) Granting of Dispensation:** There were no requests for dispensation of any item on this agenda
- 38/18 **Approval of the Previous Finance Committee Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> January were agreed and signed as a true record.
- 39/18 **Outstanding Financial Issues for 2017/18**  
The Clerk's computer monitor had ceased working. Cllrs therefore proposed and agreed that a new monitor would be purchased.
- 40/18 **Draft Budget & Precept 2018/19**  
**Budget**  
Prior to finalizing the budget the following items were discussed/noted:  
The Memorial Hall Trustees had agreed that the office rent would remain at £3,500 for the forthcoming year.  
It was proposed, and agreed, that the newsletter would be three times a year instead of four.  
County Councillor Hotson had promised a grant of £500 for 2018 play scheme.  
Following the training session on the General Data Protection Regulations the Parish Council will need to buy in the services of a Data Protection Officer at a cost of approximately £500.  
It was proposed that an increase of £200 would be added to the general maintenance budget for the installation/moving of litter bins.  
Some other expenditure was slightly reduced to arrive at a Precept increase of 2%.  
**Precept**  
Cllrs proposed, and agreed, a 2% increase on the 2018/19 Precept which equates to £125,414.49. Band D would be paying £72.78 pa (an increase of £1.43pa on a Band D Property).  
Members of the Finance Committee were in agreement and this would be taken to Extraordinary Full Council following this meeting.

- 41/18 **5-year plan**  
The 5-year plan was updated with the 2% increase and the next Finance Meeting would be to discuss the capital account and ring fence any projects in the forthcoming years.
- 42/18 **Invoices to be agreed and payment made**  
No invoices were submitted for payment.
- 43/18 **Other Financial Issues**  
There were no other financial issues to discuss.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.40pm

Signed: ..... Date:  
Cllr Kate Tippen  
Chairman, Marden Parish Council Finance Committee

Agreed 20th March 2018