

STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET PARISH COUNCIL**FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES**

MINUTES of a meeting of the FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 12 December in the Day Centre, Crafton Green, 72 Chapel Hill, Stansted, Essex.

PRESENT Cllr P L Jones (Chairman), Cllrs M Caton, M Jessup, J O'Brien, R Rands, J Salmon ,G Sell and D Wallace Jarvis

ATTENDING Cllr C Dean
Mrs Ruth Clifford - Clerk
Mr Trevor Lloyd- Assistant to the Clerk
2 members of the public

327 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr F Richards

328 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None

329 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 28th November 2018 were approved.

Cllr Dean clarified how the rent income from Day Centre lettings was accounted for.

330 Budget 2019/20

The latest draft of the budget was tabled. The Chairman presented his interim report (attached) and drew attention to the four areas he had highlighted. The Clerk explained that the NALC has now published salary figures for April 2019, and has undertaken a review of the "salary points system". She stated that, due to a large increase in the employer's pension contribution rate, the total salary figures for the previous year had been under-budgeted. The current year figure has now been corrected resulting in a net increase of £3,418. The combined effect of the increased pension and the pay award for 2019/20 result in an increase of £3,892 over the figures shown in the draft budget which was tabled. The actual increase in gross salary paid to staff members is 2%.

The Chairman concluded by stressing the net effect on the Council's budget if Essex County Council does not honour its agreement and sign the lease for the new building— the rent and predicted share of running costs being about £20,000 per annum.

Meeting closed 7.30 pm