

Finance and Resources Committee – 14th March 2012

In attendance

L Harrison – Leader of the Council and Chair of Finance and Resources Committee
Mrs M Wright - Deputy Leader of the Council and Vice Chair of Finance and Resources Committee
Mrs P Evans – Town Mayor - (*apologies for non-attendance*)
Mrs M Burkinshaw – Chair of Local Agenda 21 Committee
Mrs J Cole - Chair of Recreation Committee
MJW Cole – Chair of Environment and Planning Committee
RS Henfrey – Vice Chair of Environment and Planning Committee (*apologies for non-attendance*)
JA Taylor - Deputy Town Mayor & Vice Chair of Recreation Committee

151 Apologies for Absence

Resolved that apologies for absence as detailed above be approved

152 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting, held on 1st February 2012 as detailed in Minute Book No 5(2011/2012) and approved and adopted at the meeting of the Town Council on 15th February 2012 be received, approved and signed as a correct record.

153 Code of Conduct – Members' Interests

No interests were declared by any member of the Finance and Resources Committee under the Code of Conduct for Parish and Town Councils 2007.

154 Final Accounts – Year Ended 31st March 2012

The Town Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer confirmed that arrangements had been made to prepare the annual accounts and annual return for the year ended 31st March 2012 for report to the Annual Town Council Meeting to be held in May 2012

Resolved that the report of the Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer be received and approved.

155 Precept & Estimates 2012/2013

The Town Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer reported that further to Minute 138(15th February 2012) the City of Wakefield MDC had confirmed the precept for 2012/2013 and that the required legal information had been agreed and supplied by the Town Council

Resolved that the report of the Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer be received and noted

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156 Grass Cutting and Grave Digging – South Kirkby, North and South Elmsall Joint Burial Committee

The Town Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer reported on the revised arrangements to be introduced with effect from 1st April 2012 as regards the grass cutting and grave digging service on behalf of the South Kirkby, North and South Elmsall Joint Burial Committee.

The Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer further reported that the revised costs required by the City of Wakefield MDC to continue the existing service were too costly and that arrangements had been made to incorporate the grass cutting work within the Grounds Maintenance Unit; a local contractor had been engaged to do the grave digging work.

The Chairman in his role as Chairman of the South Kirkby, North and South Elmsall Joint Burial Committee confirmed that the arrangements were acceptable to all three parish councils as constituent members of the joint committee.

Resolved that the report of the Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer be received and noted

157 Markets – Transfer to the Joint Committee

Resolved that the report of the Chairman and the Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer on the progress of negotiations be received.

158 Carr Lane Nature Reserve

The Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer reported on representations made regarding the nature reserve.

Resolved that the report of the Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer be received and referred to the Recreation Committee for further consideration.