

Report of the Finance and General Purposes Committee to the Parish Council

The Committee met at 7.30 pm on **Monday 27th November 2017** in The Parish Hall in Great Baddow. Councillor Mrs C Shaw chaired the meeting.

Present: Councillors Mrs C Shaw, A Sosin, Mrs J Sosin, T Miller, G Jarvis, Mrs S Young, Mrs V Chiswell and Mrs M Miller

In Attendance: The Clerk of the Council

489/17 Apologies for Absence

There were apologies for absence from Cllr Mrs D Ronaldson, who had substituted Cllr Mrs M Miller and from Cllr K Ronaldson

490/17 Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests relating to items on the agenda.

491/17 Public Question Time

There were no members of the public present.

492/17 Grants

The Clerk had circulated a copy of the grant application information prior to the meeting. Applications for grants had been received from various groups and these were considered.

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs C Shaw and seconded by Cllr Mrs S Young that grants be made under S137 of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended for the financial year 2018/2019. The vote was unanimous. The grants to be awarded are attached at Appendix 1.

493/17 Precept

The Clerk had circulated the third draft budget on 21st November 2017 and a spreadsheet prepared by Cllr A Sosin had also been circulated by e.mail, prior to the meeting. Cllr A Sosin said that each committee had recommended its own budget at meetings during September and October, which had been included in the draft Council budget. He told the meeting of one change to the water risk management budget from the second draft, which was agreed. There was general discussion about the precept, including the inclusion of a budget for the village magazine, which was agreed. Cllr A Sosin told the meeting that the tax base had risen by 1.3%. Thanks were given by the committee to Cllr A Sosin and the Clerk for their work in preparing the budgets and reports.

It was proposed by Cllr A Sosin and seconded by Cllr Mrs V Chiswell to recommend to the Council that the Great Baddow Parish Council precept for 2018/2019 is set at £410,200.00, which represents a 2.9% increase on 2017/2018. The vote was unanimous.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.22pm.

Signed.....*J E Sosin*.....Chairman.....*11/12 Dec 2017*.....Date

APPENDIX 1

GREAT BADDOW PARISH COUNCIL – GRANTS 2018/2019

ORGANISATION	INTERESTS DECLARED	GRANTED
Farleigh Hospice		£825.00 Towards care and support for Great Baddow residents
1 st Great Baddow Guides		£150.00 Towards resources for the new programme starting in September 2019
Great Baddow Flower Club		£450.00 To provide flowers in the PH foyer during 2018/2019 and to decorate the Christmas tree
Great Baddow United Reform Church		£500.00 Towards the replacement of the flat roof on the church building
Great Baddow WI		£100.00 Towards the Centenary celebrations, on production of a plan of events
Meadgate Church Youth Sector		£500.00 Towards equipment for a new youth group that aims to teach life skills
TOTAL		£2525.00