

KESGRAVE TOWN COUNCIL
Report of the Meeting of the Finance and Governance Committee Held on the 27th
June 2016 (Part 1)

Present:-

Councillors:

N Beecroft-Smith (*Chairman of the Council*)
A Comber
D Fairbrother
J Ogden (*Vice-Chairman of the Council*)
G Lynch (*Apologies*)
P Mills (*Apologies*)
R Spittle (*Apologies*)

In Attendance:

Mrs D Jimpson (Business and Facilities Manager)
Mrs S Clements (Town Clerk)

1. **Election of Chairman** – The Chairman of the Council took the Chair for this item. Following the proposal, which was seconded and duly voted on, it was agreed that Councillor Ogden serve as the Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year. Councillor Ogden then took the Chair for the rest of the Meeting.
2. **Election of Vice-Chairman** – Following the proposal, which was seconded and duly voted on, it was agreed that Councillor D Fairbrother serve as the Vice-Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.
3. **Welcome and Apologies for Absence** – The Chairman welcomed members to the new Committee. Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Lynch, Mills and Spittle.
4. **Declaration of Interests** – There were no declarations of interest.
5. **Terms of Reference** – The details which have already been agreed and adopted by the full Town Council, were received and noted.
6. **Minutes of the Last Meeting** -The Committee received, considered and agreed, following the vote, the Minutes following on from the last Meeting held on the 25th April 2016, which have already been received and approved by the full Town Council at its Meeting on the 9th May 2016. (Minutes attached).
7. **Clerks Report/Update - Minute Number 8 – Rent Reviews – Stalls** – Councillors noted that following on from the last Committee Meeting held on the 25th April 2016 and also the full Town Council Meeting on the 13th June 2016, that quotations are being sought for an electrical supply outside of the Town Council offices. This matter will be considered at the full Town Council Meeting on the 11th July 2016.

8. **Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) for Kesgrave (with Rushmere St Andrew)** – A full and detailed discussion ensued with regard to the current and future jointly funded PCSO arrangements, following on from the Policing Review on the 1st April 2016. Councillors expressed their concerns about the funded PCSO not being available after 5pm in the evenings. During the discussion, Councillors raised their concerns about national government cuts with regard to Policing services. It was recommended for funding be allocated and ring-fenced for the next Budget, where this matter can be monitored, reviewed and considered as a “rolling item” on this Committee, in conjunction with Budget planning.
9. **Grants** – The Grant request received from the Suffolk Accident and Rescue Service (SARS) was considered. The Committee noted that the number of Kesgrave residents who have benefited from this valuable and vital service over the past year or so was unknown. Following the proposal, which was seconded and subsequently voted on, it was recommend to offer a grant in the sum of £250.00
10. **Enhanced Community PA System** – Councillor Ogden advised the Committee that he has been researching various options with Mrs Marsh, where Spark has indicated that it may consider part-funding a grant towards this equipment. A full and detailed discussion ensued. Following the proposal, which was seconded and voted on, it was agreed to recommend to the Town Council to agree this purchase or to hire this equipment, in principle, subject to further details and investigative work being carried out about the proposed specific model/equipment.
11. **Items of Sufficient Urgency and Importance** – There were no urgent items.
12. **Date of Next Meeting** – The next Meeting is on Monday, 25th July 2016 at 7.15pm in the Council Chamber of the Town Council Offices.
13. **Resolution to exclude the Public and the Press** – The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, to consider and agree to exclude the Public and the Press, since publicity would legally prejudice commercial sensitivity and confidentially.
14. **NJC Staff salary increase** – to consider and agree National salary increases for April 2016 to 31 March 2018.
15. **Pension auto-enrolment** – to consider the update and NEST scheme and employer contribution rate.

There being no other business, the Meeting closed to allow the Confidential Staffing matters to be considered under Part 2 of these Minutes.

Chairman**Date**.....