

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE SOUTH MOLTON TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE OAK ROOM, THE AMORY CENTRE, 125 EAST STREET, SOUTH MOLTON ON MONDAY 11 DECEMBER 2017 AT 8.30AM

Present: In the Chair Cllr M. F. Way
Town Mayor Cllr Mrs C. E. Lock
Cllr M. Cornelius Cllr Mrs J. Foster
Cllr D. J. Goodman Cllr M. Kingdon
Cllr S. W. Lock

In Attendance: Town Clerk Mr A. C. Coates

F55/17 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Bushell.

F56/17 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Nil.

F57/17 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Nil.

F58/17 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Finance Committee

13 November 2017

It was unanimously RESOLVED that these minutes be approved.

F59/17 **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

It was unanimously RESOLVED that accounts in the sum of £125372.73 be approved for payment.

F60/17 **REVIEW OF CHARGES**

Members noted details of all charges to be reviewed. It was unanimously RESOLVED that the following changes are made to :

Burial Fees – To be increased by 10% rounded up with effect from 1 April 2018

Town Hall/Pannier Market Hire – To be increased by 10% rounded up with effect from 1 April 2018

Thursday/Saturday Pannier Market Fees – That quarterly fees for each market for the period from January to March be reduced to £100.00 for Regular Traders. That Casual Traders be reduced to £10.00 per week per market for January and February. For the remaining three quarters, fees to be increased to £160.00 per quarter and for the period March to December for Casual Traders to remain unaltered at £15.00 per week per stall per market. Casual traders for only November and December will be charged £20.00 per stall per market per week. Electricity will be charged at £1.00 per week for low usage, £3.00 per week for standard use or £13.00 or £30.00 per quarter respectively.

Allotment Rents – That rents be increased to £25.00 for a half plot and £50.00 for a full plot with effect from 25 March 2019.

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The time being 9.40am Cllrs C. Lock left the meeting

Car Parks – No changes to be implemented. Cllr S. Lock abstained as relative rents one of the spaces..

The Amory Centre – No changes to be implemented.

Land West of Pannier Market – No change to be implemented.

Stores Rear of 1 East Street – No change to be implemented.

Garages Rear of 1 East Street – No change to be implemented.

Cemetery Lodge – That rent be increased to £461.00 per calendar month (inclusive of water rates) with effect from 1 April 2018.

Use of Enhancement – That Charity and Commercial use remain unaltered at £10.00 and £30.00 per day respectively and that the Hire of Marquees be increased to £20.00 per day at the discretion of the Town Clerk and Market and Property Services Manager.

1 East Street Offices – Rent for Rise & Shine to be increased to £460.00 per month. The Antique Shop to be increased to £250.00 per month. All other units to remain unaltered.

1 East Street Top Flat – No changes to be implemented.

Kiosk in Pannier Market – No changes to be implemented.

Storage Units in Pannier Market – No changes to be implemented.

F61/17 2018/2019 BUDGETS

The Town Clerk reported to members on the Budget. He informed members That, at the moment, the Town Council does not have details of the new Council Tax Base for 2018/2019 and therefore without that figure it was difficult at this stage to ascertain what effect, if any, the proposed Precept increase would have on a Band D payment. There was no resolution on this.

F62/17 BUSINESS RATES

It was RESOLVED to appoint Sally-Ann Cockerill from Landsense Ltd to appeal on the Town Council’s behalf in respect of the Amory Centre’s Business Rates at an approximate cost of £500 to £1000 which would include re-drawing the floor layout and re-measuring. Cllr Kingdon abstained from voting as Landsense Ltd is his land agent.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.57am.

Chairman

Date