

**LENHAM PARISH COUNCIL**  
**REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING AT 7.30pm WEDNESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2019**  
**AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE GROOM WAY LENHAM.**

**PRESENT** Cllr. R Greenwood Chairman presiding.  
Cllrs. M Ballard, J Britt, M Cockett, N Osborne & A Walmsley.  
Cllr. A Ratcliffe and Mr. C Merry were also present. M McFarlane. (Clerk & RFO)

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

No apologies received.

2. **DISCLOSURES AND CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

No disclosures of confidential items on the agenda.

3. **ENVIRONMENTAL, MAINTENANCE WORKS AND PROJECT UPDATES**

Cllr. R Greenwood will chase up Sibley Pares for information relating to possible extra parking provision in the centre of the village.

The Clerk will write to MBC to request the disused recycling site has the dilapidated fence replaced.

Cllr. M Ballard will look at the Land Registry site to determine the landowner.

Cllr. N Osborne reported that Lenham House (28 flats) owned by Golding Homes were having problems with an inadequate heating system, whereby elderly residents were left with no heating or hot water provision. The Clerk will write to Golding Homes to raise the concerns of the council.

Cllr. M Cockett gave a positive report on the progress of the new LPC web-site which should be live before the end of the month. Mr. C Merry who is providing support to the Communication Committee to set up the web-site, confirmed the transfer from the previous site provider to the new host Hugo Fox is progressing smoothly. There are some issues with the [hello@lenhamparish.org.uk](mailto:hello@lenhamparish.org.uk) email, which will be addressed. The Communication Committee will produce an article for the Focus Magazine with the full web-site details. Once the site is up and running Facebook and Twitter facilities will be added. Cllr. A Ratcliffe is organising a stand-alone site for the Neighbourhood Plan documents which will be available via a hyperlink from the main Parish Council web-site.

4. **ACCOUNTS & FINANCIAL REPORTS/REVIEWS**

The bank reconciliation to the end of November shows funds of £212,514.63 in total.

The precept demand form sent by MBC sets the 2020/2021 tax base at 1,432.7 which is the figure that will be used to set the level of precept requirements.

5. **BUDGET PROPOSALS 2020-2021**

The draft forecast for the year end 2019-20 will be a balance carried forward of £96,000 plus £61,000 S106 monies for replacement play equipment.

Draft budget proposals totalled £150,000, which will be recommended to full council, details of the figures will be fully circulated beforehand for consideration.

A project list will be produced early February to detail the proposals for capital projects from monies raised from the sale of the strip of land at William Pitt field.

6. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED (For information)**

Open Spaces Society request for a donation to their Legal Fund.

The sum of £100 will be recommended to full council.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

