

# Haverhill Town Council

## Minutes of Haverhill Town Council's

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

Held on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 8.30pm at Haverhill Arts Centre, Haverhill



**HAVERHILL**  
TOWN COUNCIL

**Present:** Mayor Councillor D Roach (Chairman)  
Councillor J Burns (Vice Chairman)  
Councillor A Brown  
Councillor M Byrne  
Councillor Q Fox  
Councillor P Hanlon  
Councillor I McLatchy  
Councillor B Robbins  
Councillor C Turner

**Apologies:** Councillor A Bramwell

**Absent:** None

**In Attendance:** Councillor B McLatchy  
Colin Poole (Responsible Financial Officer)  
Martin Page (Finance Administrator)

Two members of the public was present.

### **Welcome:**

Mayor D Roach welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised members of the public attending that the meeting was being recorded.

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| <p><b>F17</b>    <b><u>Apologies for Absence</u></b><br/><b>/031</b>    The above apology was noted.</p> <p><b>F17</b>    <b><u>Declaration of Pecuniary Interests and requests for</u></b><br/><b>/032</b>    <b><u>Dispensations</u></b><br/>No Councillor declared an interest in items on the agenda.</p> <p><b>F17</b>    <b><u>Minutes of the Last Meeting</u></b><br/><b>/033</b>    It was proposed by Councillor J Burns, seconded by Councillor B Robbins that the minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2017 be agreed as a true record.<br/><b>RESOLVED</b></p> | <b>Action</b> |
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**RFO  
Finance  
Administrator**

**F24** **Matters Arising**

- /034**
- a) F17/024(e) VAT Advisor: The RFO will chase this.
  - b) F17/027(c) Graphical chart: The Finance Administrator will discuss this with the RFO and Councillor J Burns and bring forward a version for consideration.

**F17** **Public Forum**

**/035** No member of the public wished to speak.

**F17** **Report from Responsible Financial Officer**

**/036** The RFO presented his report to the meeting (see separate document).

- a) Councillor J Burns confirmed that the bank balances reported match the printed statements received from the banks.
- b) Councillors requested a prior-year variance report be included to allow comparison between financial years.
- c) The Finance Administrator updated the meeting on the collection of historic debts.
- d) Councillor D Roach advised the meeting that the Council had been requested to consider a contribution towards the cost of consultants on the feasibility study. This would give us a stronger voice in the discussions. Currently Haverhill Town Council have a seat on the A1307 Board. Other Parishes are involved in a A1307 Forum. The Clerk advised that the same officers and Councillors from Cambridgeshire were involved in all the strategic plans for bus, rail and road along this corridor. This is not a contradiction as 50% of the traffic on the A1307 east of the A11 is joining the motorway network, not going to Cambridge. The Committee agreed commend this proposal to Full Council.

**Finance  
Administrator**

The Committee accept the report of the RFO.

**RESOLVED**

**F17** **2018/19 Budget – Adoption of First Draft**

**/037** It was proposed by Councillor J Burns, seconded by Councillor I McLatchy, that the working document presented by the Clerk be adopted as the first draft of the 2018/19 budget.

**RESOLVED**

The Clerk advised that this budget is based on the assumption that a 2% increase in precept for 2018/19 agreed in January, when the 2017/18 budget was set with a 10% increase, would be applied. Councillors agreed that this should be abided by.

**F17** **Date of next Meeting:**

**/038** The next meeting of the Finance Committee will be held on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2018.

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**Closure**

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21:30



Signed .....  
**Chairman**

Date.....