

Minutes of the **Finance and Policy Committee** held on **Monday 21 September 2020**.

Present: Cllrs Bagot-Webb, Cartmell, Nash, Sharps, Thompson (ex-officio), Tiller, Waldron and P Wiltshire

Officers: Town Clerk (A Moses) and Deputy Town Clerk (K Hale)

202/20 Apologies for absence

Apologies have been received and accepted from Cllrs Baker, Ross and Stimpson

203/20 Declarations of interest

None.

204/20 Public participation

None.

205/20 Approval of minutes

On the proposition of Cllr Sharps, it was **RESOLVED** to:

approve the minutes of the previous meeting of the Finance and Policy Committee held on Monday 17 August 2020.

206/20 Finance reports

On the proposition of Cllr Waldron, it was **RESOLVED** to:

receive for approval:

- 1) List of Accounts for September in the sum of £142,592.76
- 2) Reconciliation Sheet for August 2020

207/20 Costing for future Town Talk

On the proposition of Cllr Cartmell, it was **RESOLVED** to:

Get samples of works from those who quoted and set up a Task and Finish Group to investigate further.

Clerk to email councillors for membership to the Group.

208/20 Hallmaster Report for venues booking

On the proposition of Cllr Sharps, it was **RESOLVED** to:

Accept the recommendation in the report to agree to purchase the Hallmaster software.

209/20 BTC organised events 2020

On the proposition of Cllr Waldron, it was **RESOLVED** to:

agree the recommendations as outlined below for the forthcoming events organised by Brackley Town Council.

Fireworks - It is recommended that the Fireworks display for 2020 is

cancelled because it would not be possible to comply with the current Government Guidelines. BTC will promote safety messages during the run up to Fireworks night on all social media.

Remembrance & Armistice – It is recommended that the Remembrance and Armistice for 2020 is cancelled in line with the information received from the Joint Operations Team Northamptonshire Police and Northamptonshire Fire & Rescue Service

concerning possible arrangements relating to Remembrance/Armistice this year. They have now confirmed that all usual arrangements of parades and services within Northamptonshire have been cancelled though some local authorities will undertake a very low key laying of a wreath within their towns, keeping to the rule of 6 i.e. Mayor & RBL members only.

Christmas light switch on plus lantern parade - It is recommended that the Christmas Light Switch On and Lantern parade event is cancelled in 2020. BTC could encourage residents to all switch on their lights and decorations at the same time and post photos on BTC social media.

Carol Service – it is recommended that the Carol Service for 2020 is cancelled for 2020 because it would not be possible to comply with the current Government Guidelines.

210/20 Matters for discussion or information

None.

211/20 Exclusion of Press and Public

On the proposition of Cllr Waldron, it was **RESOLVED** that:

in accordance with Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and press is excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the item set out below on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the general interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

212/20 Town Hall Due Diligence

On the proposition of Cllr Cartmell, it was **RESOLVED** to:

Accept the recommendations contained in the report.

Meeting Closed at:

Signed:

Dated: