



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF
STOURPORT-ON-SEVERN TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE MAYOR'S PARLOUR,
THE CIVIC CENTRE STOURPORT-ON-SEVERN, AT 3.00PM ON
TUESDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2018**

PRESENT: The Mayor Councillor Mrs V Higgs (Chairman)
Councillors: D Little (Vice Chairman)
C J Brewer
M A Salter
D Sheppard

Observer: Councillor: J Shaw

5. MINUTES

It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on the 16th August 2017 be confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

6. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

7. ANNUAL AUDIT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2017

The annual audit for the year ended 31st March 2017.

8. REVIEW OF MAYORALTY

Approved. The Mayor should support the Deputy in terms of expenditure incurred in the event of the Deputy being required to attend a disproportionately high number of engagements.

9. RISK ASSESSMENT REVIEW

The Risk Assessment Review was approved.

10. PARKS COMMITTEE

The Committee approved Minute no. 18 of the Parks Committee meeting dated 23rd January 2018. The Parks Committee had recommended "headline" cemetery fees be increased from £670 to £700 with effect from 1st April 2018 together with other cemetery fees being increased by the same percentage. The Parks Committee approved a nil increase for rents from allotments for 2018/19.

The Committee approved Minute no. 19 of the Parks Committee meeting dated 23rd January 2018. The Parks Committee had recommended that a sum of £10,000 be delegated to the Parks Manager and Superintendent to spend on service improvements within the operational jurisdiction of the Committee.

11. REPORT OF THE TREASURER ON THE BUDGET FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2019 / RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL ON 13TH FEBRUARY 2018

The Committee:

- a) Noted the Actual income and expenditure for the 6 months ended 30th September 2017.
- b) Approved the burial fees and allotment fees detailed in Minute No. 10 above.
- c) Approved the Revised Estimates for 2017/18 including a recommendation in relation to the fire doors at the Civic Hall. The Clerk was asked to carry out due diligence into the supplier who had provided a written estimate because of concerns around the company being potentially wound up.
- d) Approved the draft budget for 2018/19 and the Vehicle, Equipment and Election Programme.
- e) After a robust debate, approved Option C in the report being a precept increase from £28.12 to £29.50 representing an increase of 4.9%.

Chairman

The Meeting finished at 4.30pm.