

POLICY & FINANCE

Dear Member

12th March 2008

A meeting of the above Committee will be held at "Greenways", 71 Christchurch Road, Ringwood on **Wednesday 19th March 2008 at 7.00pm***, or at the conclusion of the public participation period at 7.10pm, and your attendance is requested.

T R Simpson
TOWN CLERK

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

*The meeting will be preceded by a public participation period of up to 10 minutes at 7.00pm. If no member of the public wishes to speak to the Council, the meeting will start at 7.00pm.

Members of the public are entitled to speak on individual items on the public agenda in accordance with the Council's public participation scheme.

Prior to the meeting, to receive:

1. Apologies for absence
 2. Declarations of Interest
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AGENDA

1. **To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 20th February 2008**
2. **Financial Reports** (*attached*):
 - a) To receive and authorise list of payments made on Imprest Account in February 2008
 - b) To receive and authorise list of Petty Cash payments for February 2008
 - c) To receive Statement of Town Council Balances
 - d) To authorise Inter Account Transfers
 - e) To note the Finance Manager's report and receive Summary Budget Reports for period April 2007 to February 2008
3. **Grant Aid**
To consider the following applications for grant aid (*attached*):
 - i) New Forest North Citizens Advice Bureau
 - ii) Ringwood & Fordingbridge Talking News
 - iii) Hampshire Constabulary – "Walk of Art"
4. **Members' Allowances**
To consider increasing the annual basic allowance from £637 to £666. This represents an increase of 4.3% as agreed by the District Council.

5. **Carvers Recreation Ground – Drop In Centre**
To consider recommendation from Recreation, Leisure & Open Spaces Committee that the conditional grant from the New Forest Community Safety Partnership in the sum of £2,500 be not accepted (*Minute OS/4981 attached*)
6. **Town Plan**
 - i) To consider recommendations from the Town Plan Coordinating Committee to be held on 17th March 2008
 - ii) The cost of printing, publishing and launching the Town Plan will exceed the current year's budget. However, funds within Provisions have been earmarked for the Town Plan and the Committee is requested to approve the release of some of these funds to cover costs.
7. **Ringwood Festival**
To receive minutes of the meeting of the Ringwood Festival Steering Committee held on 10th March 2008 and approve proposals therein (*attached*)
8. **Schedule of Meetings**
To approve Schedule of Meetings for the period June 2008 to May 2009 (*attached*). Note that Recreation, Leisure & Open Spaces Committee will be held on the first Wednesday, Policy & Finance Committee on the second Wednesday and Full Council on the last Wednesday of each month.
9. **Election**
To note date of election for Ringwood South Ward
10. **Working Parties**
To consider increasing membership of the Fair Trade and Christmas Lights Working Parties
11. **Petition to 'Save Parish Councils'**
To consider a request from a Parish Councillor in Cambridgeshire to support a petition for a reduction in bureaucracy and paperwork (*attached*)
12. **Driving and Mobile Phones Policy**
To approve the Driving and Mobile Phones Policy (*attached*)
13. **EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**
14. **Mount Pleasant Lane**
To consider Counsel's opinion

If you would like further information on any of the agenda items, please contact Terry Simpson or Martin Townsend (for financial matters) on (01425) 473883.

Committee Members

Cllr J D Heron (Chairman)
Cllr N J Chard
Cllr L C Ford

Cllr W S Rippon-Swaine (Vice Chairman)
Cllr N R G Clarke

Ex Officio Members

Cllr B H Terry (Town Mayor)
Cllr D E Cracknell (Deputy Town Mayor)

Student Advisors

Rachel Giles

James Fullick

Copied to other members for information.