



Midsomer Norton Town Council

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Mayor: Cllr Michael Evans Town Clerk: Donna Ford PSLCC

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance & Operations Committee
held in the Beauchamp Room at the Town Hall, Midsomer Norton on Tuesday
8th October 2019 Commencing at 5.30pm**

Present: Chair of Committee: Cllr B Lawrence
Councillors: Cllr M Evans (Mayor)
Cllr S Plumley (Deputy Mayor)
Cllr L Robertson
Cllr R Robertson
Cllr G Mackay
Cllr M Moxham
Cllr L Clement

Also Present: Clerk – Donna Ford
Administrator – Caroline Brown

In Attendance: Cllr John Baker
Andy King – New Leaf Studios
One Member of the Public

Fire Safety – Evacuation Procedure / Recording Protocol

The Officer present explained the fire evacuation procedure and the Town Council's recording protocol.

52	<u>Apologies for Absence</u> Resolved: No apologies received. All present.
53	<u>Declarations of Interest</u> There were no Declarations of Interest.
54	<u>Exclusion of the Press and Public</u> To agree any items to be dealt with after the Public (including the Press) has been excluded under Standing Order 28.1. Resolved: No items to warrant the exclusion of the Press and Public being excluded from the meeting.
55	<u>Minutes</u> Resolved: That the Minutes of the Finance Committee held on Tuesday 10 th September 2019 be signed and adopted as a correct record.

56	<p><u>Accounts for Payment –</u></p> <p>Members reviewed the ‘Schedule(s) of Accounts for Payment’ for September and authorised the payments.</p> <p>Resolved: That the ‘Schedule(s) of Accounts for Payment’ for September be approved.</p>
57	<p><u>Monthly Reports</u></p> <p>Members received the Monthly Reports for September.</p> <p>Resolved: That the monthly reports be noted.</p>
58	<p><u>Play and Gym Inspection at West Clewes</u></p> <p>Resolved: Members considered the operational play inspection reports from BANES of the play area and gym equipment at West Clewes Football Ground and approved the required works to be carried out, with delegated authority to the Clerk.</p>
59	<p><u>Bin for the Garden of Friendship</u></p> <p>Resolved: Members considered the quotes for the new bin in the Garden of Friendship and approved the cost and installation of a bin of the same design as those installed at the Town Park.</p>
60	<p><u>Garden of Friendship Entrance</u></p> <p>Resolved: Members noted the response from B&NES regarding a new entrance into the Garden of Friendship and were disappointed as this was providing a facility for the community. Mayor Michael Evans will raise. Members also noted that there was another (old) gateway into the Garden – Councillor Steve Plumley will investigate.</p>
61	<p><u>Grant Applications</u></p> <p>Members to consider the following Grant applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town Trust <p>Resolved: Approved – Town Trust – Apollo Technology - £4878.60. With the Town trust to ask the Community Association to have a monitor on site at the Somer Centre.</p>
62	<p><u>Update on the Town Park</u></p> <p>Resolved: Members noted the update on the Town Park. Report received from Andy King updating on the relevant permissions required and it was resolved for works to commence at the Town Park on Wednesday 9th October</p>

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63	<p><u>Surgeries</u></p> <p>Resolved: Members resolved that the formation of surgeries be put to the next Full Council Meeting. It was proposed that surgeries take place 30 minutes before a Full Council Meeting, and on the first Saturday morning of the month when a Full Council Meeting does not take place.</p>
	<p><u>CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS</u></p> <p>Resolved: That in view of the confidentiality of the business remaining to be discussed, being staffing matters, the Public and Press be excluded from the meeting.</p>

Meeting closed at 6:50pm

Signed:
(Chair)

Dated: