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FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE

**THESE ARE DRAFT MINUTES AND ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL
AT THE NEXT MEETING ON 13th JANUARY 2016**

**A MEETING OF BRAMSHOTT & LIPHOOK PARISH COUNCIL
FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE TOOK PLACE AT 7.30 PM IN
THE HASKELL CENTRE, MIDHURST ROAD, LIPHOOK ON
WEDNESDAY 11th NOVEMBER 2015.**

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Cllr Easton – Acting Chairman
Cllr Croucher
Cllr Ives
Cllr Maroney

Cllr Poole was also present. There were no members of the public or press present.

71/15 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The chairman reminded those present of the safety arrangements.

72/15 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Jerrard, Cllr Kirby.

73/15 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

No disclosable pecuniary interests were declared.

74/15 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Minutes of the meeting held on 16th September 2015 were unanimously approved.

76/15 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Minute 66/15 – Cllr Maroney stated that some organisations will not be charged VAT as they will be zero rated.

77/15 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

There were no members of the public present.

78/15 BUDGET 2016/17

It was noted that the budget attached to the agenda represented the spending requests from individual committees. The following expenditure heads were discussed:

Website development – a decision will be made on whether to update the existing website or create a new site. If the latter, then the budget will need to be increased. This will be done prior to the budget being finalised.

Election Costs – it was questioned whether these were required as there is sufficient in the earmarked reserve. However, if a casual vacancy generated an election, the budget would be required.

Councillor Allowances – HALC had recommended that all councillors should receive an allowance to cover, printing, stationery and local travel. This will be considered further.

Chairman's Allowance – it was agreed that this is inadequate and should be increased to £500.

Bar & Refreshment Costs – a new line was needed for bar & refreshment provisions. The amount will be determined and included in the final budget.

Trees – a new budget line to cover all tree work in the Parish. Currently only provision for areas such as Radford Park. It was suggested that some of the budget should come from reducing the Radford Park grounds maintenance budget.

It was noted that the budget and precept will be agreed at the meeting on 13th January 2016 for recommended approval at the Council meeting on 25th January 2016.

Cllr Croucher, Cllr Maroney and the Executive Officer will continue their work in refining the budget and undertaking scenario planning for the precept. The council was still awaiting notification of its council tax base and support grant.

79/15 EXCLUSION OF MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

The Motion: “In accordance with the provisions of section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the press and public be excluded from the meeting by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted

Proposed Cllr Easton, Seconded Cllr Croucher, unanimously approved.