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**A MEETING OF BRAMSHOTT & LIPHOOK PARISH COUNCIL
FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE TOOK PLACE AT 8.00PM IN
THE HASKELL CENTRE, MIDHURST ROAD, LIPHOOK ON
MONDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2011**

MINUTES

PRESENT: Cllr M Croucher (Chairman), Cllr B Easton, Cllr R Evans, Cllr D Hoskins, Cllr J Poole.

Also present, Cllrs Mouland and Robinson, 8 members of public and one member of press.

55/11 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cllr Croucher read out an announcement covering recording of the meeting, fire exits and hearing loop.

56/11 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Hope and Jerrard

57/11 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

No interests disclosed.

58/11 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Minutes of the meeting held 23rd November not yet available.

59/11 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

Meeting was adjourned for public questions.

Public Questions not on the Agenda.

Bob Hall asked about the process for the Senior Citizens Lunch Club becoming a 'core client' of the Council. Cllr Croucher replied that this would be addressed later in the agenda.

Public Questions on the Agenda:

Robin Young raised a concern over the payment of money originally ear-marked for skatepark lighting being given to the new Liphook Community Laundry. Cllr Croucher explained this would be addressed under item 7.

Meeting re-convened

60/11 CHRISTMAS OFFICE CLOSURE

The Committee agreed unanimously to close the Parish Office from 1pm Friday 23rd December 2011 to 10am Tuesday 3rd January 2012.

61/11 LIPHOOK COMMUNITY LAUNDRY

Cllr Croucher invited Mrs Ellis from the laundry to explain what the grant was for. She said that they needed funding to get started, including new machines. The laundry now has around £4000 but needs another £2000 in the first year. The laundry has registered its intent to become a registered charity and as soon as they have raised £5000 they can get a registered charity number. She stressed that this is a non-profit making organisation.

There was a general discussion on the funding and costs of the laundry.

Cllr Croucher explained that grants are normally given to registered organisations and charities however it was pointed out that organisations such as Liphook in Bloom who are not registered charities do receive grants.

In relation to 'core clients', Cllr Croucher explained that the policy is ambiguous but that the Council tends to fund on a grant basis until an organisation is established, otherwise it is a tricky process to 'de-core' them.

Lastly Cllr Croucher stated that the Council do not usually fund more than 10% of an organisation's turnover. The laundry has asked for £1500 but has an anticipated turnover of £10k so that maximum they would look to give would be £1000.

Mr Young explained that the skatepark project had been resurrected and that the Recreation Committee had plans in place. There was a discussion over whether or not the £650.50 raised at a fundraising day 10 years ago and originally earmarked for the skate park should now be given to the laundry, with representatives from all sides giving their views. Cllr Croucher stated that this needed to be looked into further and a decision was deferred to the next meeting.

Cllr Croucher then proposed that the Committee write to the laundry stating that they will get £1000 once they have charitable status.

Cllr Easton proposed an alternative to give the laundry £1000 immediately, not wait for charitable status.

Cllr Easton's proposal was voted on and passed 4 votes for, Cllr Croucher abstained.

62/11 SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCH CLUB

Cllr Croucher stated that the Council had already agreed its provisional core client list but that the SCLC had now written asking to be considered for this status. Mr Young asserted that the SCLC met the criteria for core status and explained that funding was also sought

from other sources such as Help the Aged. He also explained that the SCLC were waiting for a decision from LMC on waiving the fees for rest of the year. Cllr Croucher said that the Council had said that it would make a decision on this matter by September this year and asked what the SCLC budget was for next year to which Mr Young replied &10k. Cllr Easton asked how much the grant would be and Cllr Croucher said up to 10% of that amount. Mr Young stated that they were asking for the LMC fee to be waived - £39 per week for 50 weeks so just under £2000. Cllr Croucher remarked that this was 20% not 10%.

Vote to add SCLC to core client list:

For: 4

Abstain: Cllr Croucher

Amount of grant to be decided at later date.

63/11 HANOVER LIPHOOK RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Cllr Croucher explained that some of the surplus money made by LMC is distributed to members of the community who cannot enjoy their facilities on site. He stated that this association had received a grant of £250 last year and was looking for the same amount this year. There was a general debate over whether Hanover Court was a private residential home and what they were looking to use the money for. The Chairman of the Association explained that the Residents Association was not a charity but a non-profit making body that each member contributed a certain amount of money to each year.

Vote, subject to funds being available the Council will award a grant of £250 from its Community Chest.

For: 3

Abstain: Cllr Croucher

Against: Cllr Hoskins, who asked it to be minuted that she felt the money could be used for better purposes.

64/11 AGINCOURT CONTRACTORS

Cllr Croucher explained that payment of this invoice was a housekeeping matter, the Council pay it then invoice the Preservation Society who pay back the whole amount to the Council.

Vote:

For: 4

Abstain: Cllr Croucher

65/11 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 by: Cllr Croucher

Seconded by: Cllr Poole

Vote: unanimous