

**MINUTES AND REPORT OF THE POLICY & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
HELD ON 7 JANUARY 2016**

* Councillor Reynolds – Chairman
* Councillor Thornton – Vice Chairman

<p>* Councillor P Martin * Councillor Poulter 0 Councillor Wheatley * Councillor S Bott * Councillor Noyce * Councillor Williams * Councillor Bolton * Councillor Walden</p>	<p>* Councillor R Gordon-Smith * Councillor Cosser * Councillor T Martin * Councillor Hunter * Councillor Welland * Councillor Pinches 0 Councillor Gray * Councillor Young</p>
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* Present # Absent & no apology received 0 Apology L Late

336. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 17 December 2015, having been previously circulated, were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

337. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and recorded as above.

338. PETITIONS/STATEMENTS/QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

No petitions/statements/questions had been received from members of the public in accordance with Standing Order No 4.

339. DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Councillor S Bott declared a non-pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 13 (the grant application from The Clockhouse) on the grounds that he is a trustee of The Clockhouse. Councillor Bott remained in the Chamber when that agenda item was debated.

Councillor Williams declared a non-pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 13 (the grant application from the Friends of Broadwater Park) on the grounds that he attends various Broadwater Park committees. Councillor Williams remained in the Chamber when that agenda item was debated.

Councillor Pinches declared a non-pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 12 on the grounds that he is a scout leader in the Godalming District. Councillor Pinches remained in the Chamber when that agenda item was debated.

Councillor Walden declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 13 (the grant application from Moss Lane PTA) on the grounds that she is a governor of Moss Lane School. Councillor Walden left the Chamber when that agenda item was debated.

340. COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME

Members considered the work programme and noted the information therein.

341. ACCOUNTS PAID SINCE LAST MEETING & SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

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Godalming Town Council	
Accounts paid since the 18 December 2015	126,310.34
Receipts received since the 18 December 2015	2,413.61
Balance held in Current Account	
Balance at 7 January 2016	134,118.72
Balance held in the Business Deposit Account	
Balance at 7 January 2016	216,936.48

A schedule of the accounts paid was tabled for the information of Members. The vouchers relating to these payments were also tabled at the meeting for inspection. All payments made were in line with the agreed budget or other resolution of this Committee or Full Council.

Members agreed that the Chairman should sign the schedule of accounts paid.

342. REVISED ESTIMATES 2015/16 AND BUDGET 2016/17

Members considered a report from the Town Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer and agreed the revised estimates for 2015/16 and recommended to Full Council that a precept of £514,242 be set for the financial year 2016/17.

343. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2016/17

Member noted the schedule of meetings for the civic year 2016/17 and recommended the schedule to Full Council.

344. WILFRID NOYCE REFURBISHMENT PROJECT – UPDATE

Members received an oral update on the project so far from the Facilities Manager and upon noting that the project is almost complete thanked him and all staff for the work involved in delivering such a fantastic facility for the community.

345. INTERNET BANKING

Members considered a report from the Finance Administrator and the Responsible Finance Officer and agreed that, with the inclusion of additional controls, the report should be diverted to the Audit Committee for that Committee to consider and make a recommendation to Full Council.

346. COMMUNICATIONS WORKING GROUP – WEBSITE

Members considered a report from the Communications Working Group and agreed that a new Council website will be commissioned during 2016.

347. TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATION ON EXTERNAL BODIES – REPORT ON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Members noted with thanks a report from Councillor Wheatley on the District Scout Council an organisation on which Councillor Wheatley represents the Town Council.

348. APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT AID

Members considered the following applications for grant aid and decided upon them as shown.

The Clockhouse

An application for £5,000 as a contribution towards the costs of a replacing the day care centre's second aged mini bus had been received. At the meeting Councillor S Bott speaking as a trustee of The Clockhouse stated that the application should be considered as withdrawn.

Development Football Ltd

An application for £4,000 as a contribution towards some 9-a-side portable goals for the training and soccer camps was declined. It was indicated that if the applicant wished to resubmit an application the Town Clerk should work with the applicant to ensure a better standard of application.

Friends of Broadwater Park

An application for £1,800 to fund six new trees at the Broadwater Park entrance areas (to soften the environmental impact of the much needed new leisure centre on the park) was declined on the grounds that the applicant showed no evidence of having considered alternative ways of financing the trees.

Moss Lane School Association

£2,000 was granted as financial assistance towards the cost of the school's playground refurbishment (in particular Phase 2).

Waverley Hoppa Community Transport

£5,000 was granted to assist in providing an accessible door-to-door, non-emergency patient transport service for the residents of Godalming and the surrounding villages.

349. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Policy & Management Committee is scheduled to be held on Thursday, 18 February 2016 at 7.30 pm in the Council Chamber or at the conclusion of the Planning & Environment Committee, whichever is the later.

350. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

THE COMMITTEE RESOLVED TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC AND PRESS FROM THE MEETING AT THIS POINT PRIOR TO CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM BY REASON OF THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED IE. COMMERCIALY SENSITIVE MATTERS.

351. THE SQUARE

Members considered a confidential oral report from the Town Clerk.