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MINUTES of the **Extraordinary Finance & General Purposes Committee** held on Tuesday 29th November 2016 at 7.00pm in the Town Council Office, The Library, Church Street, Hungerford

Present: Cllrs Bumbieris, Knight, Small, Crane, Benneyworth, Farrell and Brookman
Also present: Town Clerk and RFO

1. **Apologies for absence.** None
2. **Declarations of interest.** None
3. **Minutes – Propose minutes of F&GP meeting on 15th November 2016 and outcome of any actions.**
Cllr Bumbieris proposed the minutes as a true record, seconded by Cllr Knight, 4 abstentions, rest in favour.
4. **Finance**
 - a) **Propose renewal of Contracts for 2017/18** – After discussion Cllr Bumbieris proposed acceptance of contractors terms as quoted, seconded by Cllr Crane, all in favour.
 - b) And c) **Review all committee budgets and propose total for recommendation to Full Council. Consider Precept request for recommendation to Full Council**

A condition report of the HTC owned lampposts is expected from WBC in December. We have budgeted for 2 that need replacing. There may be more. Agreed to increase budget to £5000

A new spreadsheet from WBC splits the £150K financial contribution required for the library between all, by population. Hungerford is shown as £5520. Agreed to set budget at £10,000 to allow for some reserve.

E&P budget will be discussed at a meeting tomorrow and is currently estimated at £2000.

T&E Budget – It was agreed to reduce to £2000

It was agreed the budget for replacement wall at Bulpit Park was not needed as there is money allocated under S106 for fencing.

The budget for Urban Gym of £5k was taken out as not a project that is likely to get underway in the next financial year.

A £3k budget was agreed for the Croft Field Garden Room. Most of the expense should be grant funded.

T&M, HTC and Chamber will contribute to culling if WBC does also. The budget was agreed at £1000.

It was agreed to earmark Xmas light donations received over £4000 to the Xmas lights next year.

It was agreed to set the Expenditure figure for Xmas Lights next year at £25k and any shortfall will be sought in donations and matched funding.

The contingency budget was reduced to £7500. Also reduced were the Changing Rooms EMR from £2k to £1K.

After discussion Cllr Bumbieris proposed recommending to Full Council a 5.74% rise this year to a Precept of £269,555, seconded by Cllr Crane, all in favour. This gives a Band D figure of around £116.19 subject to confirmation from WBC of this year's tax base.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm