

Appendix September 2018

1819/106 Christmas

Full Council agreed the purchase of Christmas lights at its July meeting (1819/61). The cost of the replacement lights was £3,639 plus VAT. The Town Council financial regulations require that three quotations be obtained for goods or services over £3,000. If three quotations are not obtained the council is required to receive a risk assessment for the suspension of the financial regulation prior to the meeting and to decide whether to suspend the financial regulation in question.

Town Council involvement with the Chamber of Trade Christmas event.

The President of the Bingley Chamber of Trade has requested that the Town Council has annual involvement with the event by way of being responsible for some of the activities that take place at the event. Suggestions from the Chamber are:

Hire of Land train - £650

Hire of Children's Carousels - £550

Hire of Snowboard Simulator - £684

Xmas Presents for the Grotto - £450

TV Celebrity Switch on fee £500

Total - £2834.00

The Town Council needs to consider if it wishes to be responsible for any of the above activities as a contribution to the event.

1819/110 Town Council budget 2019-2020

The Finance and General Purposes committee will receive the half yearly budget monitoring report at its October meeting.

All committees will be considering budget proposals at their October meetings. Councillors are asked to send any budget proposals to comply with committee deadlines; Monday 1st October for Planning and Tuesday 2nd October for F&GP. The initial draft budget will be an item on the November Finance and General Purposes and full council meetings. The budget and precept for 2019-2020 will be set at the January full council meeting.

1819/113 Finance

The Town Council if it agrees to move monies in accordance with the amended reserves policy, will be opening new accounts with the Skipton Building Society and CCLA. In the meantime, the current working balance in the town council cheque account is £37,059.94. It is recommended that £50,000 be moved into the cheque account from the savings account.

A cheque was signed on 17/09/18 for £1,044.25 made payable to Bradford Community Payroll. It was to cover the interim staffing arrangements.

1819/115 Neighbourhood Plan funding

The Planning committee agreed for a grant application to be made for technical support. If the Town Council is successful in obtaining this support it will also be entitled to apply for additional funding on the back of this successful grant application. If the Town Council is not awarded the technical support, it will need to apply for additional funds through Locality.