

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND
GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBER AT WELLS TOWN HALL ON THURSDAY 2nd APRIL
2009**

PRESENT: Cllr H Siggs (Chairman)
Cllrs D Anderson, M Brandon, N Kennedy,
J North, J Parkes and C Price.

IN ATTENDANCE: The Town Clerk.

09/012F APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The committee received the apologies from Cllr C Borastero.

09/013F FINANCIAL REPORT

The Chairman reported that the accounts for March had been scrutinised and approved. He drew attention to the report at the end of the financial report which summarised various matters which members noted with interest.

09/014F REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Members considered the request from Sorrel Golding and resolved to make a grant of £200.

09/015F REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS

(i) Council Properties

Cllr Anderson reported that practical arrangements in respect of the tenancy of the Priory Road Post Office were progressing. The Town Clerk reported that the contract for the redecoration of the Town Hall had been submitted and a tender report would be given to the next meeting of the committee.

(ii) Finance

Cllr North reported on the under spend in the previous financial year which would enable the non-domestic rates bill to be paid together with additional unbudgeted income.

(iii) Policies

The Town Clerk reported on the conclusion of the agreement in respect of the Blue School Sports Centre and a reduction in the liability which would result in an under spend on this budget of £2500.

09/016F MEMBERSHIP OF "HISTORIC TOWNS FORUM"

Members agreed to recommend taking a subscription for twelve months with a review at the end of that period.

09/017F ADDITIONAL SIGNAGE

Members agreed to recommend acceptance of the quotation but hoped that the sign could be redesigned so that the South West in Bloom information was larger.

09/018F UPDATE ON UNILATERAL WEIGHT LIMIT OVER MENDIPS

The Town Clerk reported briefly on the request for further support from Cheddar Parish Council and members agreed to recommend this should be given in principle notwithstanding a slight reduction in the amount of traffic on the A371 because of the economic situation.

09/019F REQUEST OF CITY OF WELLS ATC TO USE ARMS OF CITY

The committee recommended the approval of this request provided it was used in full.

09/020F ITEMS FOR URGENT REPORT

The Town Clerk drew members attention to the Wells Rotary Reindeer Parade which would be held this year on Sunday 6th December which members noted and approved