

MINUTES OF THE PART I FINANCE, AUDIT & PERSONNEL MEETING
OF BIRCHWOOD TOWN COUNCIL, HELD AT
PARKERS FARM COMMUNITY CENTRE, DELENTY DRIVE, RISLEY
ON TUESDAY 28TH MAY 2019

Present: Councillor Reeves in the Chair
Councillors Allman, Atkin, Bowden, Breslin, Evans, Fitzsimmons,
M. Hearldon and T. Hearldon

Clerk – Mrs. F. McDonald
Deputy Clerk – Mrs C. Caddock
Business and Finance Officer - Mr. G. Crowe

Apologies: Councillors D. Ellis, J. Ellis and Nelson

062/19-20 **PART I FINANCE, AUDIT & PERSONNEL MEETING MINUTES**

Councillor Reeves proposed, Councillor Fitzsimmons seconded and it was resolved that: The Minutes of the Town Council Part I Finance, Audit & Personnel Meeting held on 23rd April 2019 be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chair.

Code of Conduct – Declaration of Interests

The Chair reminded members of their responsibility to declare any personal interest or prejudicial interest which they have in any item of business on the agenda, no later than when the item is reached.

Councillors Allman and Breslin – Birchwood Youth & Community Centre Committee

063/19-20 **PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

Members were asked to consider and approve the payment of accounts schedule (see pages 50 and 51 below).

Councillor Fitzsimmons **proposed** the Payment of Accounts be approved; Councillor Evans **seconded** the proposal.

This was **resolved** by those Members present.

PROGRESS REPORTS ON CURRENT FINANCE, AUDIT & PERSONNEL ITEMS

064/19-20 **REPLACEMENT VEHICLES**

Councillor Allman stated that the accounts show repairs and maintenance, including MOTs and services to the Town Council's vehicles along with the fuel costs, which seem to add up to a significant amount of money throughout a year. He asked whether, as part of the Climate Emergency, declared by the Town Council at its March 2019 meeting (see Minute 382/18-19) the Town Council should consider purchasing electric vehicles that would cost less to maintain and less to run.