MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD IN ARDEN HALL, CASTLE BROMWICH ON WEDNESDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2016 AT 7.30 PM

Those present:

Chairman: Cllr J Riordan

Councillors: Cllr Mrs. P Allen Cllr Mrs Haywood

Cllr K Shaw Cllr W Horkan

Cllr J MacDonald

Officers: Mrs. D Weir, Assistant Clerk to the Council

Public: -

1. Apologies.

Apologies received from Cllr E Knibb, Cllr Ms J Ward and accepted for the reasons given. Cllr Terry was absent.

2. Declarations of pecuniary or conflict of interests.

None declared.

3. Dispensations.

None requested.

4. Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th October 2016.

This item was deferred.

5. Questions from the Public.

None present.

6. Planning/Licensing Applications.

IT WAS RESOLVED:- that the following recommendation be submitted to the Borough Council:

PL/2016/02658/PPFL Applicant: R Phillips Location 35 Park Hall Crescent, Castle Bromwich, B36 9SG

Proposal: Ground floor side and rear extension with tiled mono pitch roof to front

This application could be approved subject to neighbour's comments.

7. Budget preparation.

Members considered the year end forecasts and budget allocations and **IT WAS AGREED** that this item be deferred until December/January for further consideration when a clearer picture of the full annual costs can be established.

8. Remembrance Parade – Catering arrangements

Cllr Mrs Allen advised that the proposed expenditure for the catering arrangements came within the approved budget. Members also had regard to the overall expenditure which included the PA System, additional maintenance of the Cenotaph, the fee for the Bugler and the Traffic Management Company.

9. Working Parties.

Members noted the update provided by Cllrs Mrs Haywood and Mrs Allen on the Remembrance Parade and the Carol Concert.

10. Residents' Concerns.

The Acting Clerk drew to members' attention a complaint from a local resident regarding leaves on the Village Green not being cleared. Members advised that clearance of leaves under the trees on the Green has never been undertaken. Leaves are only cleared from the footpath.

11. Training

Cllr MacDonald advised that there were WALC seminars which he wished to attend in the New Year and he would confirm details in due course for approval.

12. Acting Clerk's Report.

The Acting Clerk updated members on the arrangements for the garages and the price of £6,861 which included 20% discount. Members noted that the tarmac footpath adjoining the concrete base was now required to be 3" lower than the base.

There were no further matters raised and the Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.40 pm.