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Minutes of the **Finance & General Purposes Committee** held on Tuesday 9th September 2014 at 7.00pm in the Town Council Office, The Library, Church St, Hungerford

Present: Cllrs Bumbieris, Brookman, Benneyworth, Crane and Small

- 1. Apologies for absence** – Cllrs Wilson, Thompson
- 2. Declarations of interest** – none
- 3. Minutes – Propose F&GP minutes of 23rd and 28th July and Staff meeting minutes of 17th July** – Cllr Bumbieris proposed acceptance of the minutes of 23rd July, seconded by Cllr Crane, all in favour. Cllr Crane proposed the minutes of 28th July, seconded by Cllr Brookman, all in favour. Cllr Crane proposed minutes of the Staff meeting of 17th July, seconded by Cllr Benneyworth, all in favour.
- 4. Review of effectiveness of safe-guarding public money** – Cllr Bumbieris proposed that it meets HTC's requirement, seconded by Cllr Crane, all in favour.
- 5. Review of budgets – Swimming Pool House Drive** – Cllrs Small and Benneyworth visited the site with the tenants, Marc Allen and Roger Ballard. It was noted the tenant has 6 cars and the drive is in a bad state but no worse from when they moved in. The tenant can obtain cheaply some used tarmac for temporary repair. HTC can access also for free but would need Wacker to put in place. **Action:** Clerk to speak to Marc Allen and advice. The patch up job needs to include the skate park car park also. A budget for permanent work is needed and will be looked at for the next financial year. **War memorial area** – 2 quotes have been obtained for brick paving work that are quite expensive. **Action:** Arrange site visit and defer repair decision until next R&A. Before the remembrance service paving requires pressure washing. **Triangle Field** – If we put in an offer we need to have the funds available. It was agreed rather than borrow this could come from reserves. Cllr Crane proposed the RFO considers which reserves are used, seconded by Cllr Benneyworth. **Action:** A formal proposal to WBC C Broughton will be drawn up by clerk and Cllr Small. G Lundie previously pledged his full co-operation with HTC.

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- 6. Partial lease surrender of War Memorial Recreation grounds** - Discuss and propose response to Town & Manor – M Davenport's report was read out. Cllr Small proposed the report is accepted and MD is asked to draft a reply to T&M, this was seconded and all were in favour.
- 7. Compensation claim** – Cllr Small declared an interest. A settlement figure was agreed.

Meeting closed 8.20pm