



**HALESWORTH  
TOWN COUNCIL  
FINANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE  
EXTRAORDINARY MEETING  
MONDAY 25<sup>th</sup> JULY, 2016 at 6.00pm**

**FINANCE REPORT no. 5 (2016-17)**

**Present:** Councillors;

T Gardner, R Lewis (Chair), D Thomas, M Took, P Widdowson, D Wollweber

**In Attendance:** N Rees (Town Clerk). Kevin Vail (Campus)

- 1) **Apologies.** Cllrs; A Baldwin, A Fleming, S Leverett
- 2) **Declarations of Interest:** To receive declarations for non-pecuniary interests; Cllr Thomas (HPFA), Cllr Widdowson (Rifle Hall), Cllr Lewis (Campus Observer)
- 3) **Grants & Donations:** To consider the grant application from Campus Ltd for irrigation costs deferred from the meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2016

The Chair explained that this extraordinary meeting have been convened as the grant application was deferred at the last Finance Committee meeting (18<sup>th</sup> July, 2016). It was deferred because Cllrs had further questions which could not be answered. This meeting was arranged to allow representatives from Campus to attend the meeting and to answer these questions.

Mr Kevin Vail explained that there was an urgent need to irrigate the senior's football pitch and this would take a considerable amount of water. The figure had been calculated using Anglian Water rates based on watering and irrigating the pitch over a 12 week period. The 12 week period was significant, as this was the lead in period for obtaining a borehole. The borehole would then provide free water for watering the pitches in the future. It became clear that this cost was irrespective of weather conditions as the pitch drained so effectively a constant water supply would be needed. Cllr Gardner was concerned that the Council would be effectively paying for water to run into the drain and there would be nothing to show for the grant money. This concern was reflected by many of the members present.

After lengthy discussions it was agreed that the Council would rather contribute towards the borehole which was estimated to be £10,000. Cllr Thomas, articulated the opinion of the committee, in that the whole Council understood the importance of supporting this project and suggested that if Campus Ltd returned with another grant application for the bore hole, the Council would no doubt support the application. Cllr Thomas would then propose that a contribution of £5,000 is made towards the cost. Mr Vail understood the committee's reasoning and was pleased with this idea. Mr Vail confirmed that Campus would be able to cover the water costs in the meantime before the borehole was operational and would resubmit a grant application.

It was then RESOLVED that the committee would recommend approval for a grant application for £5,000 for the borehole if submitted to the Finance Committee meeting in September.

- 4) **Accounts for payment:** The following list of accounts was approved for payment:

<b>3714.</b>	SALC Internal Audit	286.00 + vat
<b>3715.</b>	Essex & Suffolk Water – Saxon	50.52
<b>3716.</b>	Essex & Suffolk Water – Swan Lane	64.20
<b>3717.</b>	Viking – Stationary	32.70 + vat

**DD/Standing Orders:**

<b><u>3718.</u></b>	Essex & Suffolk Water - Bedingfield	27.52
<b><u>3719.</u></b>	EDF Energy Market Place no2	31.00

The meeting was closed at 6.45pm