

**Minutes of an Extra Ordinary Meeting of the  
FINANCE COMMITTEE  
held on  
Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2009 in the Committee Room  
Freight House, Bradley Way, Rochford**

**Councillors Present:** Chairman R Mitchell, Mrs E Chippette, J Dickson, Mrs M Dorrell, Mrs H Glynn, K Holmes, V Leach, D Weir and Mrs M Weir.

**Also Present:** Cllrs Mrs T Bateman, Mrs J Fern and R Patient. Cllrs Mrs J Barney, Mrs C Cunningham and Mrs A Heath (in part).

**1. To receive apologies for non-attendance at meeting:**

There were no apologies tendered.

**2. Declarations of Interest:**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3. To approve the Minutes of the Meeting of 16<sup>th</sup> February 2009 and to approve the destruction of the manuscript notes in respect of that meeting:**

Members accepted the Minutes of 16<sup>th</sup> February 2009 as a true record and agreed to the destruction of the manuscript notes.

**4. To consider the motion put forward from Parks Committee. ‘That Finance Committee accept the Clerks report and recommend that Council approves the purchase of a second tractor whilst retaining the current machine.’**

Cllr Dickson tabled an amendment to the motion ‘**That Council accepts the report presented by the Clerk and approved by the Parks and Open Spaces, Conservation and Footpaths Standing Committee at their meeting of 16<sup>th</sup> February 2009, and approves the purchase of a second tractor to be funded by drawing down money from the earmarked reserves set aside for funding such contingencies, whilst retaining the current machine**’. The Clerk distributed a paper to Members showing the amendment together with a copy of his report to the Parks Committee 16<sup>th</sup> February 2009: entitled ‘Tractor Hours/Usage Report’. Cllr Dickson explained the reason for the amendment was to make the motion conform with Standing Order 25 for resolutions on expenditure and to ensure that Standing Order 13 was observed. Cllr Holmes seconded the amendment to the motion. There was discussion about the subject as Councillors were unclear as to the cost, financial aspects and capacity for storage of the proposed tractor. The Clerk drew Members attention to the report and the 9<sup>th</sup> line down on the schedule showing the proposed cost to clarify this point. The Chairman asked Members to vote on the amendment tabled by Cllr Dickson, Members showed hands and the motion to amend was carried. The Chairman asked Members to vote on the substantive motion, proposed by Cllr Dickson and seconded by Cllr Holmes ‘**That Council accepts the report presented by the Clerk and approved by the Parks and Open Spaces, Conservation and Footpaths Standing Committee at their meeting of 16<sup>th</sup> February 2009, and approves the purchase of a second tractor to be funded by drawing down money from the earmarked reserves set aside for funding such contingencies, whilst retaining the current machine**’. Members voted unanimously in favour of the motion and asked that this be referred to Full Council for approval.

Chairman