

BEER PARISH COUNCIL
Financial & General Purposes Committee
Wednesday 30 March 2022

Present: Cllr Pook (Chair), Cllr Dormor, Cllr Vine (Committee members)

In attendance: Annie Dallaway (Clerk), Cllr Green, Cllr Greig

1. **Apologies accepted by the council** – Cllr Clinch
2. **To agree items to be dealt with after the public, including the press, have been excluded.** There were none.
3. **Members to declare any interests** they may have in agenda items that accord with the adopted Code of Conduct. (NB this does not preclude any later declarations). To consider dispensation requests. None received
4. **Public participation** – there were no members of the public in attendance.
5. **To review wording of 14.3 of Financial Regulations**

14.3. No real property (interests in land) shall be sold, leased or otherwise disposed of without the authority of the council, together with any other consents required by law. In each case a report in writing shall be provided to council in respect of valuation and surveyed condition of the property (including matters such as planning permissions and covenants) together with a proper business case (including an adequate level of consultation with the electorate).

Cllr Stevens had previously requested clarification of the level and means of public consultation necessary when the disposal of land assets is proposed.

The Committee noted that the existing wording of the BPC Financial Regulations is taken from the model Financial Regulations produced by the National Association of Local Councils. The wording allows for councils to use their discretion regarding an adequate level of consultation depending on the circumstances.

The Committee agreed that it would be useful to refer to the EDDC Constitution regarding the disposal of land assets to see what provision was made for public consultation.

It was noted that those committee members present at the meeting were satisfied with the existing wording of 14.3 of the BPC Financial Regulations.