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A G E N D A

To All Members of the Council, Press and Public

There will be a meeting of the **Finance & General Purposes Committee** on **Monday 7 December 2015 at St John's School, Provender Way, Grove Green ME14 5TZ** commencing at 7:15 pm when it is proposed to transact the following business:

1. Apologies and non-attendance

To receive apologies from members unable to attend.

2. Declaration of Interests, Dispensations, Predetermination or Lobbying.

Members are required to declare any interests, dispensations, predetermination or lobbying on items on this agenda. Members are reminded that changes to the Register of Interests should be notified to the Clerk.

Adjournment to enable members of the public to address the meeting.

3. Grant Requests

Vinters Valley Trust grant request see report (pages 2-3).

4. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 12 January 2016 at Beechen Hall, Wildfell Close, Walderslade commencing at 7.30 p.m. Items for the agenda must be with the parish office no later than 4th January.

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Clerk to the Council.

Date: 1 December 2015

Issues to be returned to agenda as they develop: none.

Note to all councillors: you are welcome to attend meetings of committees of which you are not a member but only committee members may vote.

Legislation allows for meetings to be recorded by anyone attending. Persons intending to record or who have concerns about being recorded should please speak to the Clerk.

Supporting agenda papers for the Meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee on Monday 7 December 2015.

The Chairman will assume that these have been read prior to the meeting.

Councillors wishing to suggest changes to any policy document or procedure in this agenda should notify the office, in writing, at least three working days in advance of the meeting. This will allow details to be circulated at the meeting (or in advance if particularly contentious).

Item 3 Grant Requests. Purpose of item: Decision

Clerk's note: At the last meeting members asked Vinters Valley Trust to consider submitting a formal grant application. Two possible projects were submitted and the following was identified as a priority. External funders will be sought for the second project.

Boxley Parish Council Grant Application Form.

Please complete this form and attach any other relevant information and send Boxley Parish Council, Beechen Hall, Wildfell Close, Chatham, Kent ME5 9RU. Tel 01634 861237 e-mail clerk@boxleyparishcouncil.org.uk.

Application from

Title/organisation	Vinters Valley Trust
Contact details	Mr Vic Davies, XXXXXXXX
Telephone/email	XXXXXXX

Please state or attach an explanation on the amount of grant requested, why you are applying for a grant and the potential benefits for the residents of the parish. If possible include the number or percentage of members that belong to the organisation and live within Boxley Parish.

The Trust has a number of outstanding issues and projects and will be seeking external funding from other sources but requests that the parish council considers making a grant to allow valuable machinery, a flail mower, to be overhauled, repaired and maintained.

The current priority is to replace all the cutters and re-weld part of the flail mower which is vital for mowing the footpaths, grass land and scrub. The flail mower has not had a repair or refurbishment since its purchase in 2001. The loss of this machine would mean that the Trust would be unable to easily maintain the valuable wildlife habitats and also the footpaths that the public use. Without refurbishment it is likely that this type of maintenance would be vastly reduced as volunteers would then have to maintain the areas probably with scythes.

A supporter of the Trust works for a company that could undertake the work for £2,250 however he is willing to try to train volunteers to undertake the refurbishment with replacement parts which will cost £950.

I cannot stress how valuable this piece of machinery is and this grant would allow the machinery to be used to keep the nature reserve in good condition.

The Trust is asking the parish council to consider covering the cost of the company doing the work (£2,250) if the idea to train the volunteers (cost £950) is not feasible.

If applicable, registered charity reference number. 1004726

Have you included a copy of the last year end accounts? YES

Are there any restrictions placed on who can use/access the services. NO.
Please supply details of any restrictions.