

HARDINGSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Finance and General Purposes Committee, Hardingstone Parish Council

Held on Wednesday 11th September 2019 in the Parish Room, Hardingstone

Present: Chair Cllr David Laughton, Cllr Bob Jones, Cllr Geoffrey Merritt, Cllr Perry Thomas, Clerk

Meeting Start: 7.30pm

18.	<p>Apologies</p> <p><i>Schedule 12 of the Local Government Act 1972 requires a record be kept of the members present and that this record form part of the minutes of the meeting. Members who cannot attend a meeting should tender apologies to the Clerk as it is usual for the grounds upon which apologies are tendered also to be recorded. Under Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972, members present must decide whether the reason(s) for a member's absence are acceptable.</i></p> <p>Apologies were received from Cllr Matthew Haines.</p>
19.	<p>Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests</p> <p><i>Under the Parish Council's Code of Conduct, Members must declare any pecuniary interests not previously disclosed.</i></p> <p>None were disclosed.</p>
20.	<p>Public Time</p> <p>There were no public present</p>
21.	<p>To approve the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Meeting held on 10th July 2019</p> <p>The minutes were approved and signed.</p>
22.	<p>To receive update on leases and approve next steps</p> <p>We are still awaiting a response from the Solicitor regarding the amendments requested to the Guides Lease and comments from the Scouts. Clerk to check that terminology on Guides lease is consistent throughout. Clerk to chase Allotments for details on amendment requested.</p> <p>There was a discussion about Health and Safety concerns at the Scout Hut. Clerk to make solicitor aware that the hut is not in good condition and is subsiding in one corner.</p>
23.	<p>To consider the HR Sub Committee Terms of Reference</p> <p>After taking on Chair of Community Cllr Gobey had resigned from post of HR Sub Committee, and had requested that this be taken over by someone else in F&GP. It was proposed that it is recommended to Full Council that this sub committee is disbanded and responsibilities taken up by F&GP Committee as required.</p>
24.	<p>To consider communication from Insurance company regarding risk management and consider if any changes are needed to our current procedures</p> <p>Communication from the insurance company had been received about risk assessments. Whilst a long document, it did suggest that risk management is generally about common sense. Risk Assessments were last reviewed in May and it was suggested that these guidelines be considered properly for review due next May.</p> <p>There was a discussion about a need for disclaimer notices at the entrances to the Recreation Ground. Clerk to investigate.</p>

Meeting closed at 8pm

Date of next meeting – 9th October 2019