

Draft Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee
of
HARDINGSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Tuesday 21st May 2024 at 6.30pm

The Parish Room, The High Street, Hardingstone, Northampton, NN4 6DA

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In attendance: Cllr S Clements, Cllr P Thomas, Cllr C Newman, Cllr R Jones, Cllr D Laughton and Cllr G Duncan.

Clerk: Mrs E Gibson.

Apologies: None.

1. Apologies:

- a. 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. None.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests.

- a. Under the Parish Council's Code of Conduct, Members must declare any pecuniary interests not previously disclosed. None.

3. Public Time. No public in attendance.

4. To approve the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Meeting held 22nd November 2023. Committee **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes.

5. To consider recommendation to Full Council with regard to renewing, or updating Parish Council policies and procedures. Committee **RESOLVED** to re-adopt the Council's policies as per attached list.

6. To consider, amend and approve the new model financial regulations. Committee considered the new model financial regulations with amendments and **RESOLVED** to adopt.

7. To agree earmarked reserves. Committee considered the Reserves Policy and **RESOLVED** to re-adopt the policy and earmark the following reserves. In particular, they earmarked the CIL money received.

- Play equipment repairs and renewal £26,983
- Elections costs £2,925
- Roof Repairs £8,000
- Tree works £895
- Rec general maintenance fences trees etc £5,000
- General Reserves £33,313
- CIL Money total £145,683**
- Play equipment for new Landimore estate £60,000
- Exercise equipment on Landimore estate £25,000
- Benches x 10 sited in Hardingstone and Landimore £10,000
- Bins in Landimore estate x 10 £6,000
- Noticeboards x 2 £3,500
- Cherry Orchard £41,183

8. To discuss instant access savings account for reserves. Committee agreed to an instant access savings account set up with current bank Lloyds and **RESOLVED** to consider other instant access savings accounts. Current balance of the saving account stands at £178,870.

9. To agree Council asset register. Committee considered the asset register and confirmed that a bench needed to be removed. Asset register was updated and Committee **RESOLVED** to agree.

- 10. **To discuss Hardingsstone Village Hall grant application.** Committee considered the application and agreed that as they had reduced other grants down to the usual £200 sum they wanted to be consistent, and would therefore grant the village hall £200.00.
- 11. **To consider any insurance policy quotations received.** The Committee considered three insurance quotations, and after careful consideration **RESOLVED** to continue with Zurich insurance.
- 12. **To discuss Clerk's hours.** Committee considered Clerk's working hours and agreed to increase her hours by 10 per month based on the workload.

Meeting closed: 19.25

Signed:.....

Dated:.....