



FINANCE COMMITTEE

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Minutes of the Finance Committee held at the Village Hall on 9th October 2023 at 19.00.

Present: Cllr P Burford (Cllr PB, Chair), Cllr N Beaumont (Cllr NB) and Cllr Ron Jury (Cllr RJ)

Also in attendance: Anita Emery Clerk and RFO to Plumpton Parish Council

Absent: Cllr Nick Satchell (Cllr NS)

Members of Public: None

1. To accept apologies for absence
 - Cllr NS tendered his apologies for absence and reason for absence accepted.
2. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 12th September 2023
 - Unanimously approved. Chair signed to that effect.
3. Declaration of pecuniary and disclosable interests in respect of matters to be discussed.
 - None
4. Clerks Report on any Matters Arising from previous Meetings
 - Nothing to report
5. To approve expenditure items as itemised on the schedules. Clerk confirmed the outstanding insurance fees from VH and PF to PPC had been transferred.
 - a. Report 1 – PPC Expenditure - £4908.97
 - b. Report 2 – VH Expenditure - £3179.42 + £180 for Aquacare
 - c. Report 3 – PF Expenditure - £16463.80 + Bourne Sport + £190 skatepark clearance
 - Unanimously approved. Chair signed to that effect.
6. To approve bank statements and reconciliations.
 - Unanimously approved. Chair signed to that effect.
7. To approve year to date accounts
 - d. Report 1 – PPC – transfer passing places and manhole to be paid for by CIL. Clerk to transfer. Clerk advised invoice has gone to tennis club for 1/3 of the work.



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- e. Report 2 – VH – Hiring income down and half way through the year and £3k down which equates to 10%. Panto income still to factor in. It was noted that there had been less weddings so far this year.
- f. Report 3 – PF – nothing to note

- Unanimously approved.

8. To discuss EICR remedial costs for repair for Village Hall and Pavilion

- Work has gone ahead due to urgency of the work now for finance committee to ratify the work at a cost of £1060 + VAT for VH and £1415 + VAT for the Pavilion. Duly ratified.

9. CIL spend allocations

- Standing agenda item.

10. Update on one year fixed bond

- Clerk arranging for the form to be signed by all Cllrs.

11. To consider/approve the community grant applications.

- Five applications received and were considered and approved as follows;
- Activity Scheme requested £225 for equipment – unanimously approved.
- Plumptonfest to cover insurance and hall hire - £200 unanimously approved.
- Wild East Chiltington – ongoing materials/equipment, amount requested £230. FC wanted to know if East Chiltington PC contributed?
- St Peters and St James Hospice – for annual hall hire for the jumble sales/fund raising events - unanimously approved £413.50
- Good Neighbours Scheme – pre approve £150 but need a more details on what the money will be supporting.

12. To discuss/approve fencing costs at the pond

- Rob Westgate - £3065.00 ex VAT – need access, and removable posts better for access for machinery.
- Dene Fencing £3450 plus £550 for 5 bar gate plus stock fencing.
- Unanimously agreed to proceed with Rob Westgate. **Clerk to action.**

13. 2024-2025 draft budgets

- VH – Cllr NS to provide a breakdown of the expenditure/projects
- PPC – good start
- PF – to discuss notes around reserves and what project expenditure is.
- Clerk to arrange a separate meeting. **Clerk to action**

14. Questions from Parish Councillors and items to be added at the next meeting

- None



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Meeting closed: 19:45

Dates of Next Meetings:

14th November 2023 – Finance Committee 19:00 – PPC 19:45

Anita Emery | Parish Clerk | 17/10/2023