



Laverstock & Ford Parish Council

Incorporating Milford, Bishopdown Farm, Old Sarum & Longhedge

Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting Held on Monday 5th December 2022 at River Bourne Community Farm

MINUTES

Councillors present: Baker (Chair), Schneider, Waller

In attendance: Deane (Clerk), Prince (Responsible Financial Officer RFO)

The meeting commenced at 7.02pm

FGP.22.056 Apologies

Apologies had been received from Councillor Maskell.

FGP.22.057 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

FGP 22.058 Approval of Minutes

Resolved: to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 7th November 2022

FGP 22.059 Community Buildings update

The Clerk reported on progress of discussions the committee at Old Sarum and Longhedge Community Centre OSLCC and the owner of Hampton Park Pavilion. The Chair requested a copy of the constitution for the charity currently operating OSLCC. The Clerk reported that she was waiting for further information from the owner of the Pavilion regarding a possible transfer of the freehold. Legal and professional financial advice is being sought regarding both buildings.

FGP 22.060 Review of Action List

The Clerk reported that work was ongoing with Wiltshire Highways regarding the opening of the access points onto the Hampton Trail from The Oakbournes and Oldfield Road.

The Clerk reported that Cllr Barker had agreed to chair the Environment Action Group and first meeting was being arranged with volunteer residents.

FGP.22.061 Budget review 2022/23

The RFO had previously circulated Report 22.061 detailing the projected spend vs budget for items in the current financial year. Some areas had slightly exceeded budget, with other items underspent.

The estimate is that the total budget will be underspent by approximately £9,000 which would be transferred to General Reserves at year end. Current General Reserves are approximately £90,000.

FGP.22.062 Budget 2023/24

The RFO had previously circulated Report 22.062 with a first draft of budget for 2023/24, with an estimated increase on Band D precept of 5.67%. The Chair suggested an increase of no more than 5% inline with the cap on principal authorities. This was not supported by other councillors present.

The Chair requested that the budget for councillor expenses be increased to £250, and asked the Clerk to investigate setting up an account for taxi provision.

ACTION CLERK

FGP.22.063 Draft Agenda Full Council Meeting 19th December 2022

The items for the agenda for Decembers meeting were agreed.

SIGNED:

DATE:

NEXT MEETING. The next meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee will be held on Monday 6th February 2023 at the River Bourne Community Farm.