



Laverstock & Ford Parish Council

Incorporating Milford, Bishopdown Farm, Old Sarum & Longhedge

Meeting of Finance and General Purposes Committee on Monday 5th September 2022 at River Bourne Community Farm.

MINUTES

Councillors present: Baker (Chair), Schneider, Tucker, Waller
In attendance: Deane (Clerk)

The meeting commenced at 7.01pm.

FGP.22.030 Apologies

No apologies had been received.

FGP.22.031 Declarations of Interest

Councillors acknowledged that the Councillors Expenses Policy was due to be discussed.

FGP 22.032 Approval of Minutes

Resolved: to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 7th September 2021

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Resolved: to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 4th April 2022

Resolved: to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 9th May 2022

Resolved: to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 11th July 2022

FGP.22.033 Review of Councillor Expenses Policy

The Chair reported on his wish to ensure the opportunity to be a councillor was fully inclusive. The payment of a Parish Basic Allowance for councillors was discussed. Councillors did not support the introduction of a Parish Basic Allowance. The Clerk will review the current expenses policy and present an updated draft at the next meeting. **ACTION CLERK**

FGP.22.034 Review of Grants Policy

The Chair had circulated suggested changes to the existing Grant Policy, which would prioritise local community initiatives over national organisations. This was supported and the Clerk will update the policy for presentation at the next Full Council. **ACTION CLERK**

FGP.22.035 Budget monitoring

The Clerk reported that an overspend was expected on Business Development in the current financial year, due to underbudgeting for IT support.

The Clerk also reported on the current offer for the Local Government Pay Award which will result in exceeding the budgeted figure by approximately £5,500 for the year.

The Chair estimated that interest received from the CCLA deposit would cover both shortfalls.

FGP.22.036 Draft Agenda Full Council Meeting 19th September 2022

Grant applicants will be notified of the date their application will be considered. Policy reviews will be included in September and October. A Neighbourhood Plan update should be available in September. Old Sarum and Longhedge Mobile Signal update will be moved to October.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.

NEXT MEETING. The next meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee will be held on Monday 3rd October 2022 at the River Bourne Community Farm.