

MINUTES OF THE EXTRA ORDINARY FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 12th JULY 2022 IN THE GARDEN ROOM OF THE COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 7.00PM.

PRESENT: Cllrs. Spackman (Chair), Hill, Hopkins, Josephson, R Lewin, Waters, Williams & Wogan

APOLOGIES: Cllrs. Davies & T Lewin

NOT PRESENT:

IN ATTENDANCE: The Clerk and Asst. Clerk. Cllr Pritchitt as a member of the public. Mr and Mrs Keen

92/22 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Mr Keen stated that he was against the application by Holy Trinity Church for a grant for the lighting of the church spire. Mrs Keen felt that money given to organisations in the village should be used for the upkeep of the village.

93/22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were given and accepted from Cllrs. Davies (ill health) and T Lewin (prior commitment).

94/22 TO DECLARE ANY INTERESTS OR REQUEST DISPENSATION PERTAINING TO THE ITEMS BELOW

Name	Min. No.	Category of Interest	Reason
None			

95/22 MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 15TH & 29TH MARCH 2022

Cllr. R Lewin proposed that the minutes of the meeting of 15th March 2022 be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr. Williams and AGREED

Cllr. Williams proposed that the minutes of the meeting of 29th March 2022 be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr. R Lewin and AGREED

There were no objections to the deletion of the digital transcript of the meetings.

96/22 CLARIFICATION OF (NON-CONFIDENTIAL) ACTIONS FROM LAST MEETING

None

97/22 CLERKS REPORT ON MATTERS NOT REQUIRING A DECISION

1. Finalisation of the 2021-22 accounts these had now been submitted to the external auditors
2. Licence for the Treatment Room – This is with the licensee for signing
3. Sports Ground lease -This should be completed in September
4. Pending grant application from Holy Trinity Church – no grant application form or accounts had not been submitted. This would be considered at the next Finance & Policy meeting if the appropriate forms had been submitted
5. PWLB borrowing application process – queries had been raised and would be dealt with as soon as possible

98/22 SUMMARY FINANCIAL REPORT to end quarter 1

This had been previously circulated and was NOTED.

99/22 LIST OF PAYMENTS

The List of Payments had been circulated in advance and was APPROVED.

Unity Trust from 4 th March 2022 to 31 st March 2022	£ 49,249.39
Unity Trust from 1 st April 2022 to 6 th July 2022	£152,467.43
Pocket Card – David O'Driscoll 1 st March 2022 to 31 st March 2022	£ 264.97
Pocket Card – David O'Driscoll 1 st April 2022 to 6 th July 2022	£ 1,342.49
Pocket Card – Carolyn Coomber 1 st March 2022 to 31 st March 2022	£ 614.06
Pocket Card – Carolyn Coomber 1 st April 2022 to 6 th July 2022	£ 1,274.51
Pocket Card – Gages 28 th February 2022 to 31 st March 2022	£ 1,227.00
Pocket Card – Gages 1 st April 2022 to 6 th July 2022	£ 2,851.60
Pocket Card – Youth 1 st March 2022 to 31 st March 2022	£ 727.86
Pocket Card – Youth 1 st April 2022 to 6 th July 2022	<u>£ 831.37</u>
TOTAL	£ 210,850.68

100/22 BANK RECONCILIATIONS & COUNCILS INVESTMENTS

This had been previously circulated and was NOTED

101/22 TO CONSIDER RETROSPECTIVELY & RATIFY AS APPROPRIATE A GRANT APPLICATION FROM FOREST ROW FESTIVAL

Cllr. Hill asked for a recorded vote on this matter.

This was discussed. Cllr. Josephson proposed that this matter be referred to the Personnel & Grievance Committee and brought back to Finance & Policy. This was seconded by Cllr. Wogan and AGREED with Cllr. Hill abstaining.

102/22 TO CONSIDER & RESOLVE UPON A PROPOSAL FOR COMPENSATION FROM EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

After discussion, Cllr. R Lewin proposed that a claim of £ 12,000 compensation be made to East Sussex County Council for time and costs (including legal fees) referring to the Forest Row Sports Ground Association lease. This was seconded by Cllr. Hopkins and AGREED

Cllr. Hill proposed that this matter be referred to the Local Authority Ombudsman. This was seconded by Cllr. Williams and AGREED with 1 against.

103/22 TO CONSIDER & RESOLVE AS APPROPRIATE ON A REQUEST IN RESPECT OF ACV STATUS OF THE FORMER RECYCLING SITE

Cllr. R Lewin proposed that the request for the removal of the Asset of Community Value status on the former recycling site be rejected. This was seconded by Cllr. Josephson and AGREED with 5 for, 1 against and 2 abstentions.

104/22 TO CONSIDER & RESOLVE UPON A REINSTATEMENT OF COUNCIL'S ASSETS AND THE INSURANCES FOR THE COMING YEAR

The papers relating to this matter had been previously circulated.

The updated Asset register was NOTED.

Cllr. Hill proposed that the Chair & Vice-Chair of Finance & Policy together with the Clerk have delegated authority to accept the broker's recommendation. This was seconded by Cllr. Williams and AGREED

Cllr. Hill proposed that the cyber insurance quotation as previously circulated be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr. Williams and AGREED.

Pursuant to Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the committee believes that the public and press to be excluded from the meeting on the grounds of the confidential nature to be transacted.

The Members of Public left the room.

UPDATE REPORT ON STAFF ISSUES

This is appended as a Confidential Minute

106/22 CORRESPONDENCE

None

107/22 TO NOTE ITEMS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEE OR FULL COUNCIL

Cllr. Wogan commented that the advertisements for the Forest Row Festival were still on the verges entering the village. She was advised that requests had been made for their removal, and that they were on verges under the responsibility of East Sussex County Council

The meeting closed at 9.02pm.

SIGNED:..... DATE.....

(Chairman)

