# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD ON 31<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2023 IN THE GARDEN ROOM OF THE COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 7.30PM.

PRESENT: Cllrs. Lewin (Chair), Cocks, Eichner & la Djoi,

APOLOGIES: Cllrs. Jaffay, Scott & Volkers

NOT PRESENT: Cllr. Christie

IN ATTENDANCE: The Clerk, Asst Clerk. County Cllr. Georgia Taylor & District Cllr. Christina

Coleman

#### 130/23 PUBLIC QUESTIONS:

None

#### 131/23 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. Jaffay (ill), Scott (work) & Volkers (family).

Cllr. Lewin read out a short poem.

### 132/23 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS PERTAINING TO THE ITEMS BELOW

Name	Min. No.	Category of Interest	Reason
None			

## 133/23 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 4th July 2023

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2023 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Eichner, seconded by Cllr la Djoi and AGREED

There were no objections to the deletion of the digital transcript of that meeting.

## 134/23 CLARIFICATION OF ACTIONS FROM LAST MEETING

None

## 135/23 CHAIR'S COMMENTS

None

## 136/23 CLERKS REPORT ON MATTERS NOT REQUIRING A DECISION

The Clerk commented that he was disappointed at the apparent lack of engagement of Councillors with the budget meetings, although these were critical for the running of the Council.

## 137/23 THE MARKET

A report had been previously circulated and was NOTED. Arrangements for the next few markets were NOTED.

## 138/23 GAGES COMMUNITY LUNCHES

A report from Sandra Aylen covering this service had been previously circulated and was NOTED.

## 139/23 THURSDAY CLUB

A report from Sandra Aylen covering this service had been previously circulated and was NOTED.

#### 140/23 LIBRARY VOLUNTEER SERVICE

A report from Sandra Aylen covering this service had been previously circulated and was NOTED.

### 141/23 YOUTH SERVICE

A report had been received from Mel Mesher and was circulated.

### 142/23 DISCUSSION OF SERVICE DEVELOPMENT ISSUES

The following items were discussed in detail with a view to their incorporation in next year's budget, and sums were allocated to each on a 'lower' and 'higher' basis, following the previous decision of Council:

- A youth forum
- The 'shed' project
- A village 'hub'
- Emergency equipment provision
- Road safety
- Environmental support
- Independent community consultation
- Miscellaneous service provision
- Capital projects (research & development)

County Cllr. Taylor and District Cllr. Coleman left at 8.55pm.

### 143/23 COMMITTEE FINANCIAL REPORT TO DATE

This had been previously circulated and was NOTED.

### 144/23 COMMITTEE BUDGET FOR 2024-25

A draft budget – as attached - was proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Lewin. This was seconded by Cllr. Eichner and AGREED. This was on a dual basis, as voted by Council on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023. The final figures would be agreed by Full Council.

## 145/23 ITEMS FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION BY THIS COMMITTEE OR FULL COUNCIL

Cllr. la Djoi asked if it were possible to share some of our services with neighbouring parishes to save money.

Cllr. Eichner asked that the ESCC IT4U scheme be put on the next Community Services agenda. Cllr. Lewin advised that the Forest Row Festival would be discussed at the next Community Services meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.35 pm.

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Chairman	

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Youth forum								200	1000	contingency
Shed project								1500	2500	if yard site used
Village hub								0	200	longer term
<b>Emergency equipment</b>	0	0	%0	0009	0	%0	1000	0	0	not yet agreed
Road safety	750	0	%0	750	0	%0	750	1000	2000	assessments x2
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Community consultation								2000	2000	survey
Miscellaneous service										
provision	3000	0	%0	4000	0	%0	1000	2000	4500	other issues
Capital projects R&D								200	1000	preliminaries
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TOTALS	23750	28747	121%	33380	15130	45%		40500	47000	