

**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 Djoï,

**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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 Djoï 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 Djoï 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.

Signed.....

Date.....

Chairman



	lower figure	higher figure						
Youth forum								
Shed project								
Village hub								
Emergency equipment	0	0	0%	0	6000	0	0%	1000
Road safety	750	0	0%	0	750	0	0%	750
Environmental support								
Community consultation								
Miscellaneous service provision	3000	0	0%	0	4000	0	0%	1000
Capital projects R&D								
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>23750</b>	<b>28747</b>	<b>121%</b>	<b>15130</b>	<b>33380</b>	<b>15130</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>47000</b>
								<b>14500</b>
								<b>47000</b>

	lower figure	higher figure
contingency	500	1000
if yard site used	1500	2500
longer term	0	500
not yet agreed	0	0
assessments x2	1000	2000
initiative support	500	1000
3rd party survey	2000	2000
other issues	2000	4500
preliminaries	500	1000
	<b>8000</b>	<b>14500</b>
	<b>40500</b>	<b>47000</b>