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## Minutes of Finance & General Purposes Committee held on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2024 @ 6PM.

### Attendance

Cllr Sarah Balfour - Chair  
Cllr Carolyn Hall  
Cllr Suzy Sherratt  
Cllr John Bell

Clerk J Nolan

4 members of the public present

*It was noted that the meeting started at 18:10 due to local traffic.*

<p><b>1. Reminder by the Chair of the Council's expectations for the audio or visual recording of this meeting. <i>The Parish Council meeting may be audio recorded under the Openness of Local Government Regulations 2014. Devices are to be placed on the table provided throughout the meeting.</i></b></p>
<p><b>2. Apologies</b></p> <p>2.1 To receive apologies for absence given in advance of the meeting. 2.2 To consider the approval of reasons given for absence.</p>
<p>2.1 Apologies for absence were given in respect of Cllr Roberts and Maiden. The reason for absence were noted by the Clerk. 2.2 Apologies for absence given were approved, All in favour.</p>
<p><b>3. Declarations of Interests and Dispensations</b></p> <p>3.1 To receive any declarations of interest not already declared under the Council's Code of conduct or a member's Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests on items on the agenda. 3.2 To receive, consider and decide upon any written applications for dispensation for disclosable pecuniary interest. 3.3 To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate.</p>
<p>3.1/3.2/3.3 None to receive.</p>
<p><b>4. To note the minutes for the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024.</b></p>
<p>4.1 Noted.</p>

<p><b>5. To receive information on the following ongoing matters arising – Clerks Update</b></p> <p><b>5.1</b> To receive an update on the installation timeline of the Exercise Equipment on Dando Way.  <b>5.2</b> To note that the quarterly internal checks and reconciliation are pending completion and will be supplied in the next committee meeting.  <b>5.3</b> To note that the renewal of the energy supplier as delegated to the Clerk, has been action and the new supplier set up in line with contract renewal.</p>
<p><b>5.1 Received.</b>  <b>5.2 Noted.</b>  <b>5.3</b> Clerk advised new supplier selected was Octopus Energy who were the cheapest green provider. All in favour, <b>noted</b> delegated action had been administered.</p>
<p><b>6. Financial Matters</b></p> <p><b>6.1</b> To receive the quarterly budget reports for Q4 Jan – Mar 2024.  <b>6.2</b> To receive follow up information on non-payment of Room Hire Fees and to decide a course of action for recommendation.</p>
<p><b>6.1 Received.</b>  <b>6.2</b> Payment not received totalling £52.20; it was <b>recommended</b> that no further action is taken by the staff team. Proposer Cllr Hall, Seconded Cllr Bell – All in Favour.</p>
<p><b>7. Motions requested by Councillors</b></p> <p><b>7.1</b> To receive a proposal from Cllr S Sherratt for this committee to review for recommendation to Council, to fund training for the Project and Events Manager in bid writing so that we have a staff member capable of obtaining grants and funding for community capital projects and events.</p> <p><b>7.2</b> To receive a two-part proposal from Cllr S Sherratt for this committee to review for recommendation to Council.</p> <p>i. Cllr S Sherratt proposes that Ackworth Parish Council set up two further deposit accounts. The first for the CIL funds and the second for the management fee set aside for Strata from residents so that they are held separately to the current deposit account.</p> <p>ii. Cllr S Sherratt proposes that Ackworth Parish Council consider what happens to the interest on the CIL deposit account and the Management reserve deposit account if opened.</p>
<p><b>7.1</b> Proposer Cllr S Sherratt, no seconder. In line with standing order 1b, the motion could not be progressed.  <b>7.2</b> Proposer Cllr S Sherratt, no seconder. In line with standing order 1b, the motion could not be progressed.</p>
<p><b>8. PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETING ACT 1960) THAT THE PRESS AND THE PUBLIC BE EXCLUDED FROM THE REMAINDER OF THE MEETING ON THE GROUNDS THAT PUBLICITY WOULD BE PREJUDICIAL TO THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED.</b></p>
<p><b>8.1</b> All agreed to move to the private section.</p>
<p><b>9. To receive the minutes of the personnel subcommittee meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024, noting no actions for recommendation.</b></p>
<p><b>9.1 Received.</b></p>
<p><b>10. To receive information from the Solicitor appointed by Ackworth Parish Council dealing with the Strata Handover of Ackworth Quarries Community Centre and to decide a course of action for recommendation.</b></p>
<p><b>10.1</b> Advice from the solicitor recommended not to proceed without the completion of the drainage survey even if at cost to Ackworth Parish Council.</p>

It is therefore **recommended** that the solicitor's advice is taken, and a drainage survey requested and paid for by Ackworth Parish Council. Proposer Cllr Bell, Seconded Cllr S Sherratt – All in Favour.

**11. To receive quotes for the additional fencing required around the boundary area to Ackworth Quarries Community Centre and to select a supplier for recommendation.**

11.1 **Recommended** to select Barkers Fencing. Proposer Cllr Balfour, Seconded Cllr Bell. Voting completed 3 in Favour, 0 Against.

Time Closed: 18:48