

Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held via Zoom on Monday 1st March 2021 when the following business was conducted:

PRESENT Cllrs C Salway, N Wakely, C Bragg, A Dance & B Chitty and the Parish Clerks K Alford & R Swift
1 member of the public was in attendance.

F&GP1.2021 To receive any apologies for non-attendance
Cllr New

F&GP2.2021 To receive any declarations of interest
None

F&GP3.2021 To receive and approve the Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on Monday 7th December 2020.
Minutes were received & approved.
Proposed Cllr Bragg, seconded Cllr Wakely, all in favour.

F&GP4.2021 Matters for report purposes only

- Precept request has been submitted for £205,000
Noted
- Solicitors have been instructed to start the Land Registration of Parish Council owned land.
Noted.

F&GP5.2021 Resolutions

- (1) **To resolve to review income and spending and agree that current figures meet with expectation to 31st January 2021.**
Resolved to agree that accounts met with expectations – Clerk to clarify spend on library code.
Proposed Cllr Bragg, seconded Cllr Salway, all in favour.
- (2) **To resolve to review Ear Marked Reserves and make any changes necessary to their allocation.**
Resolved to agree Ear Marked Reserves were appropriate and make prior agreed any changes in the new Financial Year.
Proposed Cllr Chitty, seconded Cllr Wakely, all in favour.
- (3) **To consider a grant to the South Petherton Tennis Club of £2000.**
Resolved to grant South Petherton Tennis Club £2000 towards the building of the new Tennis clubhouse.
Proposed Cllr Bragg, seconded Cllr Wakely, all in favour.
- (4) **To consider a request from a member of the public for a reduced fee for a grave space in South Petherton cemetery.**
Resolved to direct the family to SPRINC in order to request financial help, and for any further requested of this nature to also be directed to SPRINC. If SPRINC are unable to help, then the request should be returned to the F&GP Committee.
Proposed Cllr Dance, seconded Cllr Chitty, all in favour.

(5) To note the following regular Standing Orders/Direct Debits which are set up monthly on the Parish Council payment schedule and Unity Trust account (unless otherwise indicated)

(a) Barnstore – Parish storage	141.00
(b) Frogmary Green Farm – Parish Office Broadband supply	30.00
(c) Staff Salaries – reported each month – currently:	2,297.94
(d) Loveridge Grounds – Parish Grass Maintenance	1,116.66
(e) Reyland Properties – Quarterly Library rent	2,062.50
(f) SSDC – Rates for Cemetery, Library, St James Carpark, Lightgate Lane Carpark & Parish Office – currently for 2020/21	1,489.00
(g) British Gas – Library Gas & Electricity	DD
(h) Merlin Telecommunications – Parish telephone calls	DD
(i) O2 Parish mobile	DD
(j) Viridor – Parish waste collection	DD
(k) Plusnet – Library & Blake Hall Broadband connection	DD

Payments were noted by Committee members.

F&GP6.2021 Other Matters referred to the Clerk

Councillors have received a Freedom of Information request from a member of the public.

F&GP7.2021 Date of next meeting – Monday 7th June 2021