

FAIRLIGHT PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Finance and Administration Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 12th October 2021 at 2.45pm

Present: Councillors – Ms I Horsley (Chair), Mr S Leadbetter, Mr S Stewart, Ms L Cooke. Also, Parish Clerk Mrs P Collins

21044 Apologies for absence (including resolutions to accept reason for absence by Councillors)
None

21045 Code of Conduct and Disclosure of Interests

a) To receive any disclosures by members, of personal or prejudicial interest in matters on the agenda
None

21046 Public questions in respect of items on the agenda
None

21047 Minutes of meeting held on 11th May 2021

The minutes having been distributed prior to the meeting and made available to the Public at the meeting.
Resolved to approved, and will be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

21048 Matters arising from the minutes not otherwise on the agenda
None

21049 To discuss and review the current year's budget
The budget was discussed and reviewed

21050 To discuss and consider the allocation of earmarked reserves for 2021/22
The current ear marked reserves for 2021/22 were reviewed and no changes were required. Items can be added/removed during the year if necessary.

21051 To discuss and consider the budget for 2022/23
The Clerk is currently preparing the budget. Bids are being submitted by Councillors

21052 To review policies and practices

- (a) Bullying and Harassment – Dignity at Work
- (b) Whistleblowing – Confidential reporting
- (c) Freedom of Information
- (d) Grants
- (e) Investment
- (f) Media and Communications

Policies were reviewed and are to be submitted to the Full Council meeting on 26th October 2021 to be adopted. It was suggested that a standard should be set in respect of the font, format etc for the website display.

21053 To discuss and make recommendations in respect of the suggested financial support of £1000 from the Parish Council to a resident or residents.

(This financial support was proposed by Cllr Shortman to provide assistance with costs for counsel's advice being sought by a resident/residents in respect of the Market Garden planning appeal decision and a potential judicial review application.)

The Clerk informed the Committee that under the General Power of Competence held by the Parish Council this monies could be paid. However, several matters need to be taken into account.

- a) Would this create a president?
- b) Does this show support to the cause?
- c) Who does it benefit and how may?
- d) What are the other possible uses for the money?

Councillors discussed this proposal and concerns were raised. At the time of this meeting Councillors were not aware of the public's opinion or what support had been given to this cause by residents.

Resolved to make recommendations at the Full Council meeting on 26th October and also suggest that standing orders are suspended at the point of this item being discussed for the public to comment.

21054 Future agenda items

Rent review and leases

21055 Close of meeting

Meeting closed at 3.35pm

21056 Date of next meeting

Tuesday 9th November 2021 at 2.45 pm

Signed _____ (Chair) Dated _____

Draft until agreed and signed at the next meeting