

Minutes of a Meeting of the Finance Committee of the Goring-on-Thames Parish Council

Tuesday 13th June 2023 at 18.00 at Gardiner Pavilion

Public Session – Prior to the Start of the Meeting None present

Members:

Cllr A Smith (AS) Cllr C Ratcliff (CR) Cllr J Hutchins (JH) Cllr J Emerson (JE)

Officers Present:

Clerk Sarah Edmunds (SE)

Public and Press: None present.

Meeting started 18:00

23.07.1. To receive apologies for absence. (LGA 1972 s85(1))

None

23.07.2. Declarations of Interests (LA 2011 s31)

Members to declare any interests, including Disclosable Pecuniary Interest they may have in agenda items that accord with the requirements of the Parish Council's Code of Conduct and to consider any prior requests from members for dispensations that accord the Localism Act 2011 s33(b-e). (NB this does not preclude any later declarations)

None

23.07.3. To consider requests for Dispensations [LA 2011 s33]

None

23.07.4. To approve minutes of the meeting of 23rd May 2023 Appendix A

Unanimously Approved

23.07.5. To approve finalised expenditure list 1st -31st May 2023 Appendix B

Unanimously Approved.

23.07.6. To note income 1st – 31st May 2023 Appendix C

Cllr J Emerson

Chair of the Committee 13th June 2023



Unanimously Noted.

23.07.7. To note the reconciled bank account & reserves balances as at 31st May 2023 Appendix D

Unanimously Noted.

23.07.8. To note CIL balance, note any receipts and consider expenditure

- 23.07.8.1. Update the CIL Register so the first to expire is at the top.
- 23.07.8.2. Add columns for amount spent and what it is spent it on.
- 23.07.8.3. Get quotes for converting all streetlights to LED, consider grants eg Mend the Gap, TOE, Information on DoE website.

23.07.9. To receive updates, review the Asset Register and consider Actions required Appendix E

- 23.07.9.1. JE to assist the Clerk with updating website content.
- 23.07.9.2. investment register & JE to draft investment strategy document
- 23.07.9.3. Internal controls document refers to Councillor for Financial Control Checklist now committee
- 23.07.9.4. Reviewed the effectiveness of internal audit document no changes are suggested.
- 23.07.9.5. Review updated Asset register for next meeting
- 23.07.9.6. JE to create an Action List-backdated to May with ongoing items eg internal audit, virements. This can be reviewed and updated as part of the minutes
- 23.07.9.7. Include movements between EMR and budget codes, reviews and necessary adjustments
- 23.07.9.8. Internal control statement to be revised and brought to the next meeting.
- 23.07.9.9. Reviewed Reserves Policy no changes are suggested.
- 23.07.9.10. Reviewed Financial Risk Register no changes are suggested.

23.07.10. Items for next Agenda



- 23.07.10.1. Savings accounts for the Reserves: Continue to look at options e.g. Metro Bank, Black Rock, Lloyds, Clerk has spoken to other Clerks and they recommend Unity Trust or Cambridge Building Society. Also mentioned were Redwood Bank, Hampshire Trust, and the CCLA public sector deposit fund.
- 23.07.10.2. Cil monthly update.
- 23.07.10.3. Discuss/note movements between the EMR, nominal codes and budget lines.
- 23.07.10.4. Grants-The grants policy is currently suspended so clear guidance on legislation and clarity on what can and cannot be grant funded by GoTPC. Check that renewing Grants Policy will not stop us receiving grants from major potential donors. Update from the OCC day attended by AS & JH
- 23.07.10.5. Set up TSB bank account access for FC to approve payments.
- 23.07.10.6. Prepare for Quarterly report to Full Council

23.07.11. To confirm the time and date of the next meeting: time TBC date 11th July 2023

The exact start time of meetings being either 18:00 or 18:30, depending on the amount of business to be discussed, will be stated on the agenda published in advance.

23.07.12. Meeting Closed: 19:15