

ASHOVER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held remotely

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Meeting at 6.00pm

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PRESENT

Councillors R Fidler, W Armitage, Mrs H Boffy, Mrs L Hunter-Bott.

S. Atkinson (Parish Clerk/RFO)

Members of the Public – 0

FC/01 Election of Chairman of Finance Committee 2020/2021

It was proposed and seconded that Cllr R Fidler is elected Chairman.

Resolved: That Cllr R Fidler is elected Chairman of the Finance Committee for 2020/2021.

FC/02 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence from Cllr C Miller were noted.

FC/03 Variation of Order of Business

There was no variation in the order of business.

FC/04 Declaration of Members Interests and Requests for Dispensation

There were no declarations of interest received.

FC/05 Recording and Filming of Council and Committee Meetings

Members of the Public and Councillors were reminded that:-

The right to record, film and to broadcast meetings of the council, committees and subcommittees is established following the Local Government Audit and Accountability Act 2014. This is in addition to the rights of the press and public to attend such meetings. Meetings or parts of meetings from which the press and public are excluded may not be filmed or recorded. Members of the public are permitted to film or record meetings to which they are permitted access, in a non-disruptive manner.

FC/06 Exclusion of Public

There were no items on the agenda taken in exclusion.

FC/07 Income/Expenditure and Budget Review 2020/2021

Consideration was given to the current figures, earmarked reserves and any virements. Consideration was given to overtime payments for the sports pavilion caretaker, due to additional cleaning requirements during the current Covid-19 pandemic. The Interim Audit Report for 2020/2021 had been undertaken remotely and the report, with no matters arising, circulated to all Members. The Unity Trust Bank balances were considered and projected cash flow indicated imminent expenditure on the new play area, grounds maintenance and cemetery maintenance contracts.

Recommendation:

- (i) That a virement of £225.00 is made from Contingencies code 1163 to Pavilion Wages code 1501 to cover overtime payments of up to one hour per week (living wage) for additional cleaning of the Pavilion during the Covid-19 pandemic and that this is reviewed in April 2021.**
- (ii) That the Interim Audit Report undertaken remotely by Auditing Solutions Ltd., with no matters arising, is received.**

FC/08 Precept 2021/2022

Committee Members analysed the precept requirement for 2021/2022, including the projected sums for future Capital Expenditure on Parish Assets, to produce a detailed explanation of the precept request for 2021/2022 for the Parish Council at its meeting to be held on 20 October 2020.

Recommendation: That, having deliberated the budget for the Financial Year 2021/2022, an anticipated realistic income figure of £13,670.00 set against an anticipated expenditure figure of £85,067.00 plus earmarked reserves of £11,972.00, produced an annual Precept figure for 2021/2022 of £83,369.00. This represents a £1,537.00 increase (approx. 1.87%) on the previous year due to lack of support grant, increased costs for parish maintenance generally and inclusion of an ongoing budget for election costs.

The meeting closed at 7.21pm