



Kingshurst Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting of Finance and General Purpose Committee Meeting

on Thursday 14th November 2024. 5.30pm

at the Seeds of Hope, Overgreen Drive, Kingshurst, B37 6EY

Council Members: Cllr D Cole, Cllr S Daly, Cllr L Cole, Cllr L Browning, Cllr J Edwards, Cllr J Kimberley

Council Members Present: Cllr D Cole, Cllr S Daly, Cllr L Cole, Cllr L Browning, Cllr J Edwards,

Members of the public: 1

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Minutes

1. 1.1	Welcome and Housekeeping General housekeeping. Chair Cllr L Browning welcomed everyone to the meeting and went through housekeeping rules	
2.	To receive apologies. Apologies were received from Cllr Edwards Resolved: That the above absences are approved.	
3.	To receive members' declarations of disclosable (pecuniary and other) interests. None	
4.	To receive and consider member's dispensation requests if any. None	

<p>5.</p>	<p>To approve the Minutes of the last Finance Committee Meeting held on the 25th June 2024</p> <p>Resolved: That minutes of the last Finance meeting held on 25th June 2024, were approved, and signed by the Chair as a true record.</p>	
<p>6.</p> <p>6.1.</p> <p>6.2.</p> <p>6.3.</p>	<p>Finance/RFO Report</p> <p>Accounts for the year 24/25, 6 months from April to October have been sent to all Council members.</p> <p>Resolved: Members have confirmed receipt of the 6months accounts</p> <p>Finance Report (chairman) Cllr Browning</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Reconciliation Report and Bank Statements for September 24 and October 24 (sent on email prior to meeting).</p> <p>Resolved: Members have confirmed receipt of the Reconciliation Reports and the bank statement.</p> <p>To approve: The payments for September 24 and October 24.</p> <p>Resolved: The payments for September 24 and October 24</p> <p>Bank Balance was 74,339.30 September; Total debits £3,780.49; Credits £32,174.93 October; Debits £17,162.00; Credits 0</p> <hr/> <p>The Chairman invoked Standing Order 2(a) regarding disorderly conduct at meetings due to inappropriate behavior exhibited by a councillor JK.</p> <p><i>The councillor in question was asked to refrain from further disruptive actions. During the meeting, J/K. repeatedly shouted "Point of Order" without specifying which standing order he believed was being breached.</i></p> <p><i>After repeated warnings and to maintain order, the Chairman suspended the meeting briefly under the provisions of Standing Order 2(a) to allow the situation to be addressed appropriately.</i></p> <p>Resolved: The meeting resumed after order was restored, with a note in the minutes recording the incident and the Chairman's actions to uphold Standing</p>	

<p>6.4.</p> <p>6.5.</p>	<p>Orders.</p> <hr/> <p>External Audit – Moore End of Year 2022/23. Members have received the completed, long awaited External AGAR for the fiscal year 2022/23. This report is now available online for reference. Moore Invoice - £378.00. (Invoice number: 327242).</p> <p>Resolved: All members have received the external audit report for 2022/23 and have confirmed that it has been published on the Parish Council's website.</p> <p>New Budget and Precept Meeting Date. A new date needs to be arranged for the Budget and Precept meeting. This is due to unforeseen costs related to Employment Tribunal claims raised by a Councillor claiming employee status. <u>Each claim was not upheld</u>, but these proceedings have nonetheless impacted the budget.</p> <p>Resolved: A new date for the Parish Council budget/precept meeting will be arranged with the delegated members. Unfortunately, the impact of the objections and the dismissed 3 employment tribunal cases will necessitate revisions to the draft budget</p>	
<p>7.</p> <p>7.1.</p> <p>7.2.</p> <p>7.2(a)</p>	<p>Items for consideration at Full Council Meeting</p> <p>To approve the payment list for September 24 and October 24. Resolved: Full council to View and accept.</p> <p>External Audit 2022/23 and 2023/24 Objections that were not upheld. It is proposed to refer this item to the full council for discussion</p> <p>External Audit Objections: Cost Impact on Residents</p> <p>To be discussed at the full council meeting, the financial implications of external audit objections from 2022/23 and 2023/24, which, <u>although not upheld</u>, have led to substantial costs for the parish. These expenses ultimately impact residents by diverting funds away from our community and projects. A detailed breakdown of costs and the resulting budget adjustments will be provided for council review and discussion.</p> <p>Resolved 7.2.,7.2(a): Full council to hear and discussed the costs incurred</p> <p>Parish councillors are reminded <i>“Councillors do not have any authority as individuals. No councillor can act alone or speak on behalf of the council without first being formally granted the authority to do so by that council”.</i></p>	

8.	<p>Public Participation To adjourn to allow public participation for 5 minutes. Residents are requested to give their views and question the Parish Council on items on this agenda or raise issues for future consideration at the discretion of the Chairman. Members of the public may not take part in the Finance Committee Meeting itself</p>	
9.	<p>Date of the Next Meeting: Thursday 9th January 2024 Seeds of Hope 5pm Budget and Precept final Draft.</p>	
	<p>Meeting Closed: 5.45pm</p>	

Signed (Chair)

Date: