



An ORDINARY MEETING of the FINANCE & STRATEGY COMMITTEE was held on Monday 15th May 2023 at 6.34pm in the Reading Room and was attended by the following:

Chairman: Cllr Bolton

Parish Councillors: Cllr Chantler, Cllr Nicholls

In Attendance: 1 member of the public - Cllr Cottle

Clerk/Minutes: Mrs S. Haywood

ITEM	MINUTE	VOTE / ACTION
2023/7.	APOLOGIES	
	None received.	
2023/8.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST and DISPENSATIONS	
	None received.	
2023/9.	MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING	
	IT WAS RESOLVED that the minutes of the Finance & Strategy Committee meeting held on 13.02.23 be approved and signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.	Proposed:CB. Seconded: LN All in favour Clerk
2023/10.	OPEN MEETING	
	No member of the public wished to speak.	
2023/11.	BUDGET 2023/24	
	<p>The Clerk had circulated a draft budget review to all.</p> <p>IT WAS RESOLVED that Committee approve the reviewed 2023/24 budget as follows:</p> <p>Income:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase Interest Received to £300 as rates are increasing • Increase Interest Received – Cemetery Legacy – to £85 as rates are increasing • Decrease Allotment Water Reimbursement to £40 as less usage <p>Expenditure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase Environmental to £500 as Council agreed purchase of trees • Increase Lilbourne Windfarm Grant to £1,699.22 to include the previous years' underspend • Increase Clerks Salary to £9,000 to allow for pension contribution • Increase Cemetery to £4,000 as fewer volunteers so more contractor costs • Increase Litter Picking to £300 as action taken to increase local group participation and new equipment needed 	Proposed:CB. Seconded:AC All in favour Clerk

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase Annual Tree Survey to £1,500 to allow for inflation • Decrease Loan Repayments to £1,047 as balance outstanding • Decrease Queen's Diamond Jubilee Garden to £0 as funds now spent • Increase 3 Month Trading Reserve to £5,041 to allow for inflation • Increase Christmas Tree to £550 to allow for inflation • Increase Events to £1,000 for fete seed funding and scope for other events • Increase Defibrillator to £400 as resident training being arranged <p>Projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decrease Cemetery Path Extension to £2,000 as quotes lower than expected • Add Solar Farm Fund. £0 until we get Agreement confirmed. Once confirmed, increase to £10k • Add Warm Space grant £1,500 as grant successful • Add VAS £3,500 but grants will be applied for <p>WNC have advised that in order to get possible funding to help with flood prevention measures it would help if the PC contributed towards the estimated £7m cost. IT WAS RESOLVED to look at allocating £25k for flood prevention measures to future budgets. Not to be added this year as it is unlikely anything will be required this year.</p> <p>The Clerk has asked WNC to confirm whether any CIL is due for the Hillmorton Lane housing development on the non-affordable element.</p>	<p>Proposed:CB. Seconded:AC All in favour Clerk</p>
2023/12.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	
	11 th September 2023 at 7pm in the Reading Room.	CB/Clerk

The meeting closed at 6.43 pm.

Chairman Date:

WNC – West Northamptonshire Council
PC – Parish Council
EA – Environmental Agency