

## MEETING OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 10:00am**

**Parish Office, Old School Building, Main Street**

**Present:** Cllrs P Hyde (Chair) Y Greenfield, J Johnson and L King

**In attendance:** J Sherrin (Parish Clerk)

### MINUTES

- 22/305**      **Apologies for absence** – Cllr R Ringham (Sick)
- 22/306**      **Declaration of interests for items on the agenda** – None
- 22/307**      **Minutes of the previous meeting** – February 21<sup>st</sup> 2022 approved as a true record and signed by the Chair
- 22/308**      **Accounts** – Cllr Hyde noted that the accounts are indicating a healthy surplus this year, the precise figure yet to be finalised through the year end close down process. The surplus is due to a number successful grant applications, coupled with reduced expenditure and increased revenue within our facilities, especially in the cemetery. It was noted that this has been a particularly unusual year, which has led to this positive financial status. Recommendation from the accounts organisation, which deals with Parish and Town Councils across the country, is that 25-50% of precept should be held as a general reserve. It is therefore proposed that any surplus from the 2021-22 financial year should go into the general reserve to give the Parish Council the security needed in case of future unexpected emergencies. The need to review all the Parish Council's facilities was discussed. Agreed to set up a working group to visit all sites on Tuesday May 17<sup>th</sup> at 9am, starting at the Poplars Sports Ground. Discussion tool place regarding the Old School Building. Outside area to be cleared and tidied before the Jubilee weekend.
- 22/309**      **OSB** – Review of Covid restrictions – all restrictions to be lifted, including access to the kitchen. Clerk to liaise with CST regarding concerns over numbers using the small office.
- 22/310**      **Contractors / Social Value Obligations** – Cllr King to write letter to Tomlinson's. Clerk and Cllr King to chase Balfour Beatty.
- 22/311**      **Information update** – Lee Road gate and fencing enquiries received. Ownership of land to be explored further and added to next F&GP agenda.
- 22/312**      **Date of next meeting** – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June at 10am

Meeting closed 11:15am

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Chair of Finance & General Purpose Committee**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_