

# Cuddington Parish Council

## MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, NORLEY ROAD CUDDINGTON ON 4<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, COMMENCING AT 10AM.

**Present:** - Cllr Brooks, Cllr Chrimes, Cllr Crist, and Cllr Hill. Also, present Mrs Julie Chrimes – Clerk.

- 1. Apologies:** None.
- 2. Declarations of Interest.** Cllr Chrimes declared an interest in item 6, due to her relationship with the Council's employee.
- 3. Designated Reserves.** It was noted that designated reserves stood at £37,433.63.
- 4. 2022-2023 Budget.** The Committee went through the monthly expenditure monitor line by line. It was noted that due to the sale of Flea Moss Pit, £1,000 had not been transferred to monitor code 101 (as per 4<sup>th</sup> July minutes). The clerk confirmed that the funds from the sale of Flea Moss Pit was deposited into the Business Premium Account (80344400) on 31.08.2022, the total was £140,381.00.

The committee **RESOLVED** to recommend to full council to accept Northwich Town Council's quotation to erect the lamp post poppies around the village as an act of remembrance, the cost is £494.00 to erect and remove.

A quotation was also received for a 18ft Christmas tree to be erected at Norley Road playing fields which included LED lights, a tree socket, a column socket and safety picket fencing, the quotation came to £3995.00 + VAT and the committee rejected the quotation, stating they would prefer the Council to consider a live Christmas tree being planted on the field. It was **RESOLVED** to recommend to the full Council that they purchased a large living Christmas tree, but are mindful that the actual site of it has to be considered with the CSPPFA Ltd.

Cllr Crist reported on the work that is being carried out by the resilience working group. The finance group applauded the hard work that is being carried out by the

group to create a Resilience Plan for the village in the event of an emergency. The clerk reported that a budget is required to purchase items needed for the plan such as torches, hi vis jackets, id badges etc. It was **RESOLVED** to recommend to full council that a budget of £1,500.00 is made available to the group to purchase items as necessary and delegates power to the clerk to make such purchases.

It was further **RESOLVED** to recommend to full council to secure £10,000 as a capital spend, should the plan ever be activated. It was noted that Cllr Walter is the lead Cllr on the Resilience Plan and will keep members updated at each statutory meeting until the plan is created.

5. **Public Works Loan board loan.** It was **RESOLVED** that committee recommend to full council that; they now settle the loan account early. The clerk will request a settlement figure on the day of the next statutory meeting.
6. **Staffing hours.** Following the clerk's appraisal, it was noted that the clerk had not been paid for the additional hours she had worked all over the weekend of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee events. It was **RESOLVED** to recommend to full council (as per the clerk's contract) that she is paid for the 30 additional hours she worked during that weekend, and 8 hours for Operation London Bridge workload in her October salary.
7. **Additional lamp posts at Norley Road playing fields.** Cllr Crist reported on the recent site meeting with Jeff Powel, CWaC street lighting superintendent, who subsequently provided quotations for the finance meeting. It was **RESOLVED** that the full council accept the quotation of £5,212.87 VAT. It was noted that definite dates for installation are not available from CWaC at present due to the existing term maintenance contract coming to an end.



**8. Date of next meeting.** It was confirmed that the meeting will take place on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022, it was noted that the meeting will be where the committee members consider the Precept calculations for 2023/2024, the meeting may take up to 2.5 hours.

*There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.30pm.*

**Date**.....

**Signed**..... **Chairman**