



**Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance and General Purpose Committee  
held on  
19<sup>TH</sup> March 2024 at 7.00 p.m.**

**PRESENT:**

Councillor Jordan Keeble (Chairman)  
Councillor Eileen Callear  
Councillor John Snell  
Councillor David Bown  
Councillor Gemma Offland

Councillor Amrik Jhawar  
Councillor Phil Millward  
Councillor Thomas King

**In Attendance**

**Clerk:** Jane Lees

**Deputy Clerk** Rebecca Cowie

Ten members of the public

**WELCOME**

**F23/119 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None

**F23/120 DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

Cllr. G. Offland – Leegate Community Centre

**F23/121 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Cllr. D. Brown proposed, Cllr. E. Callear seconded, one abstain to confirm the minutes of the meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> of February 2024.

**F23/122 FINANCIAL REPORT**

- (i) Cllr. J. Snell and Cllr D. Brown verified the approval list against invoices. Payments detailed and approved for faster payment totalling £64,387.15, Direct Debits of £463.22 and Debit card payments of £189.00.



- (ii) Cheque withdrawal (no. 024904) of £1,500.00 authorised from Santander Current Account to be banked into Lloyds Current Account.
- (iii) Cllr J Keeble, as Chairman of Finance & General Purpose committee verified and signed bank reconciliations for January 2024.
- (iv) Salary payments totalling £8,228.99 checked and authorised for payment by BACS. Payment of £2,264.12 to HMRC and £2,282.23 to Shropshire County Pension Fund authorised for payment by BACS.

Deputy Clerk updated on Nationwide bank account situation, due to the lengthy process and issues incurred for updating signatories on this, Council requested that a formal complaint be submitted. Due to the current issues with Nationwide, it will mean the Council brings forward to new financial year around £90,000 of creditors. Due to agreed spend of reserves through this financial year the year end reserves figure is expected to be around £56,000. This is not ideal and will incur further explanation for auditors and the AGAR.

## **F23/123 LEEGATE CENTRE GRANT**

**Cllr. G. Offland left the room.**

Mr James Morris, Trustee, gave a presentation of the accounts. Cllr. D. Brown confirmed he had attended the Centre to inspect the accounts. Councillors enquired if residents of the Parish were the main users of the building. Mr Morris stated 90% came from the Parish. Cllr E. Callear noted the agreement was not signed. Cllrs requested a breakdown of costs as a prior agreement held with Telford and Wrekin Council meant that two lots of funding could not be used for the same groups. Cllr. E. Callear noted that the Parish was not acknowledged in the end of year accounts. Mr Morris replied he would have to clarify with the accountant. Discussion followed regarding confusion with the schedule. It was agreed that the funding could not be approved on the information submitted.

**Cllr. E. Callear proposed, Cllr. J. Snell seconded; one abstain to request the following information: What have the previous grants from the Parish been spent on? How much cash is available? How much funding is being requested? What will the funding be used for? how much of the Cash at Bank and in hand of £58460 was available for the payment of running expenses and how much was reserved for spending on the objectives of the individual Grants? The Detailed Income and expenditure account includes the Parish grants in "Room hire and sales" and these need to be**



shown separately. Can information be provided on what these amounts were for 2022 and 2023. A list of creditors to be supplied.

Cllr. G. Offland returned to the room.

## **F23/124 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**Applications for consideration**

**TWC/2024/0177**

*Land East of Queensway HLC, Queensway, Hortonwood, Telford,*  
**Cllr. A. Jhawar proposed, Cllr. E. Callear seconded, all in favour to offer no comment.**

**TWC/2023/0673**

*Land off, Hadley Castle Works, Hadley, Telford, Shropshire*  
**Cllr. J. Keeble proposed, Cllr. E. Callear seconded, all in favour to suspend standing Orders.**

Cllr. P. Millward read out a statement on behalf of the residents present, noting over 300 people had objected to the previous application. The members of the public thanked Cllr. Millward and David Sellwood for the work they have done on this application.

**Cllr. J. Keeble reinstated Standing Orders at 8.15pm.**

**Cllr. G. Offland proposed, Cllr. E. Callear seconded, one abstain, to submit a call in to the Planning Department, with Cllr. P. Millward as representative.**

**Applications received after publications of agenda.**

**TWC/2024/0159**

*103 Crescent Road, Hadley, Telford, Shropshire, TF1 5JU*

Deferred from Full Council

**Cllr. A. Jhawar proposed, Cllr. G. Offland seconded, all in favour to offer no comment on this application.**

**TWC/2023/0949**

*Land adjacent Colfresco, Hortonwood 45, Hortonwood, Telford, Shropshire*

This matter was deferred.



## **F23/125 L E G A L S E R V I C E S**

The Clerk explained the necessity of these services to the Parish.

**Cllr. E. Callear proposed, Cllr. J. Snell seconded, all in favour to accept Quote B (GOLD)**

## **F23/126 CHAIRMANS COMMUNICATIONS**

The Chair reminded Councillors that the Newsletter was ready for them to collect and distribute. The Chair requested volunteers to assist with the monthly internal audit. It was noted that the recent events in the Cemetery were distressing, however the CAT team do an excellent job in the parish, and this matter has been addressed.

## **F23/127 ADDITIONAL STAFFING**

**Cllr. E. Callear proposed, Cllr. G. Offland seconded, all in favour to defer this matter to Full Council**

## **F23/128 ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN NEXT AGENDA**

None

## **F23/129 DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS**

**Full Council Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 7 p.m.**

**Finance Committee Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00pm**

**Events committee Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April at 6.00pm**

## **F23/130 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**No further matters.**

**Chair closed the meeting at 8.40pm.**

Signature of Chair.....

