

Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance and General Purpose Committee held on 18th February 2025 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Councillor Jordan Keeble (Chairman) Councillor Eileen Callear Councillor John Snell Councilor Jasmine Bennett Councilor Carol Hughes Councillor Amrik Jhawar Councilor Phil Millward Councilor David Brown

In Attendance

Clerk: Jane Lees Deputy Clerk Rebecca Cowie

WELCOME

Please be aware this meeting will be audio recorded.

F24/097 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None F24/098 DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Cllr. A. Jhawar Planning

Cllr. J. Bennett C24/104

F24/99 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Cllr. C. Hughes proposed, Cllr. J. Snell seconded, all in favour to confirm

the minutes of the meeting held on the 21st January 2025.

F24/100 FINANCIAL REPORT

 (i) Cllr. J. Snell and Cllr. J. Bennett verified approval lists (Appendix A & B) against invoices. Payments detailed approved for faster payment totaling £44,627.55, Direct Debits of £1,499.01 and debit card payments of £897.14 approved.



(ii) Salary payments (Appendix C) totaling £10,928.98, PAYE & NI to HMRC of £3,177.26 and Pension payments to Shropshire County Pension fund of £3,510.60 to be paid by BACS on or around 25th February 2025.

Cllr P. Millward proposed and Cllr. J. Bennett seconded, all in favour to approve payments as detailed.

F24/101 CHAIR'S COMMUNICATION

Cllr. C. Hughes proposed, Cllr. J. Snell seconded, all in favour to defer the Chair's communication to private session.

F24/102 HANGING BASKETS AND SUMMER BEDDING

Cllr. E. Callear proposed, Cllr. D. Brown seconded, all in favour to accept quote 3

F24/103 WOMENS SELF DEFENCE CLASS

Cllr. S. Parr has informed the Clerk that he has a friend who is willing to offer women's self defence classes at Hadley Leegomery and Apley if the Council will fund him. Councillors agreed this was a very important matter and wanted to support any initiative to promote women and girls safety. Councillors noted the correct process would be for the instructor to apply for a grant and present his credentials at a forthcoming Council meeting.

F24/104 PRICING REVIEWS FOR THE COMMUNITY CENTRES

Councillors noted that the fees for Hadley Community Centre will be reviewed in September. Cllr. D. Brown proposed, Cllr. A. Jhawar seconded, one abstain, 5 in favour to agree the new pricing for the room hires in the Community Centre.

F24/105 SIGNAGE ON BRIDGES

Cllr J. Bennet informed the Council of a recent accident of someone falling from a bridge in the Parish. Cllr. J. Bennett proposed, Cllr. C. Hughes seconded all in favour of the Clerk writing to Cllr Kelly Middleton for advice on this matter



F24/106 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Applications for consideration None

F24/107 ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN NEXT AGENDA

None

F24/108 DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

F24/109 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC Clir. J. Keeble proposed, Clir. C. Hughes seconded, all in favour to exclude press and public.

F24/101 CHAIRS COMMUNICATIONS (DEFERRED)

The Chair informed Councillors that the sale of the Lodge had fallen through due to the misinformation on social media. It was agreed that legal measures must be explored to stop this action, as it was costing residents money. It was noted that a decision had been made at Council to keep the house on the market for three months then go to auction, so the house will be remarketed.

F24/110 Provisional Planning application

Cllr. D. Brown proposed, Cllr C. Hughes seconded, one abstain to support this application.

F24/111 Vexatious appeal

This matter was discussed and resolved

F24/112 Vexatious resident

This matter was discussed and resolved

Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm.

Signature of Chair.....