

OLD BASING & LYCHPIT PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Meeting: FINANCE & RESOURCES COMMITTEE
Date: 15 February 2022
Location: Meeting held in the Pavilion Tea Room, Old Basing
Time: 7.30 pm
Members Present: Cllrs A Renwick (Chairman), S Brown, P Bloyce, K Tuck, J Robinson, S Grass, D Whiter
Members Absent: A Jones
In Attendance: Mrs S Tuck (Clerk), L Orvis (Finance Officer)

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1.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE No apologies had been received.	
2.	CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES 2.1. The Minutes of the Finance & Resources Committee held on Tuesday 30 November 2021 were agreed as a true record of the business conducted.	
3.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST No declarations of interest.	
4.	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION There were no members of the public present.	
5.	CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS There were no Chairman's communications.	
6.	MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS & BUDGET 6.1. The Finance Officer presented the Q3 Management Accounts for the period October to December 2021 and year end forecast. There were no items causing undue concern and no queries were raised. Members therefore agreed the Accounts for ratification by the Parish Council at its meeting on 1 March. 6.2. The Finance Officer then presented his working paper showing the effect of recent utilities price increases to date on the 2022/23 budget which will be kept under review and any changes reported quarterly. Noted.	
7.	CIL FUNDING 7.1 The Chairman thanked Councilor Whiter for his status update on CIL funding which was received and noted. He pointed out that the total amount expected was dependent on the extent of development which was not yet known and that any payments would be received at six-monthly intervals possibly commencing in 2023 with the Redrow development. Cllr Bloyce urged caution stating that the money from CIL funding was at odds with the Parish Council's stance against future development. The Chairman asked members to prioritise and agree what projects funds should	

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	<p>be earmarked for from developments currently outlined in the Local Plan. These were agreed as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(1) Milkingpen Lane footpath(2) Climate Emergency changes(3) Tree planting and hedgerows <p>It was stressed that the future cost of upkeep of any project should be considered prior to work being implemented.</p>	
8.	DISPOSAL OF PLANT & MACHINERY	
8.1	<p>The Clerk's report regarding quotes obtained for the disposal of the 3 leased items of plant & machinery was received and noted. For comparison, Cllr Robinson had obtained indicative prices based on similar items for sale on various internet sites and. After discussing the feasibility of keeping and maintaining the Iseki mower it was agreed this was not feasible and all voted in favour of accepting the highest firm quote of £23,500 from Larkstel Ltd for all 3 items. This then completes the disposal of all items of grounds maintenance equipment following which the asset register and insurance cover will be amended accordingly.</p>	
9.	CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS	
	<p>As there were no members of the press and public present it was not necessary for the Chairman to resolve to exclude them in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 to consider the following confidential contractual and staffing matters which meet the criteria of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 Part 1.</p>	
9.1	<p>Members were advised that the Local Government pay award due on 1 April 2021 had still not been agreed and were asked to consider what course of action to take should staff, having worked during the past year, leave prior to the award being settled. All were unanimous in agreeing that the member(s) of staff would have been paid the award if agreed sooner and are therefore entitled to receive it when agreed. How this will be managed from a payroll and accounting perspective was discussed and will be reviewed again if the matter is not resolved prior to or early in the new financial year.</p> <p>The Finance Officer drew attention to the possible effect on the 2022/23 budget should the pay award for all staff exceed the estimated percentage set aside.</p>	
	<p>There were no further items for discussion and the meeting closed at 20.23 hrs.</p>	

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DATED:.....