



## OLD BASING & LYCHPIT PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING

DATED TUESDAY 18 OCTOBER 2022

**Location:** PAVILION MEETING ROOM, OLD BASING

**Time:** 7.30 PM

**Members Participating:** Councillors P Bloyce (Chairman), A Renwick, S Brown, S Grassi

**Members Absent:** Councillors M Campbell, D Whiter, K Tuck, F Maritan

**In Attendance:** Mrs S Tuck (Clerk); L Orvis (Finance Officer)

Item No	Item	Action
1.	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Campbell, Whiter, Tuck and Maritan who all had other meeting commitments. The Chairman acknowledged the lack of members and the importance of agreeing the budget and precept for the coming year but pointed out that the meeting was quorate and should therefore go ahead bearing in mind any recommendations must be agreed by full Council at its next meeting.	
2.	<b>CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES</b> The Minutes of the Finance & Resources Committee held on Tuesday 28 June 2022 were <b>agreed (subject to the correction of minor errors) as an accurate record of the business conducted</b>	
3.	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b> Councillor Brown declared an interest in Item 6.1 (ii) as an Allotment Holder.	
4.	<b>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION</b> There were no members of the public present.	
5.	<b>CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS</b> There were no Chairman's communications.	
6.	<b>FEES &amp; CHARGES FOR 2023-24</b> 6.1. The fees and charges recommended by the Facilities Management Committee were noted and agreed as follows: i) <b>Recreation Facilities</b> – 10% increase on pitch fees and changing room hire – no increase in charges for the tea room. ii) <b>Allotment Fees</b> – 5% increase. Cllr Grassi's concerns regarding the increase were noted but it was pointed out that grounds maintenance charges will increase by 10% existing plot holders will not pay the new rate until September 2023.	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>iii) <b>Cemetery Fees</b> – 10% increase in line with the inflation.</li> <li>iv) <b>Hire of Lychpit Community Hall</b> – 4% increase for regular hirers and 5% for party bookings. Preferential rate introduced for OB&amp;L residents.</li> <li>v) <b>Club Charges</b> – 10% increase – subsidy to remain at 40%.</li> </ul>	
<b>7.</b>	<b>BUDGET &amp; PRECEPT FOR 2023-24</b>	
7.1	<p>The Finance Officer presented a draft budget. Members were asked to note that Lychpit Hall income last year included Covid grants of £10,000 which offset the loss of income.</p> <p>It was suggested the Development Threat line should be moved from Communications to General Expenditure and £2,000 allocated for the forthcoming Neighbourhood Plan review.</p>	<b>Finance Officer</b>
7.2	<p>Councillors then considered various precept levels based on the draft budget figures. After discussion and in recognition of the difficulties faced by some residents in the current economic climate <b>a precept of £223,105 (the equivalent of 9 pence per week on a Band D property) was agreed.</b> This would leave a shortfall of £7,140.00 in the budget which would be covered by reserves.</p>	
<b>8.</b>	<b>CIL FUNDING</b>	
8.1	<p>Members noted the allocation of CIL funding to date is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) <b>Basing Royals Football Club - £10,000.</b></li> <li>ii) <b>Old Basing Village Hall - £10,000.</b></li> <li>iii) <b>St Mary’s Churchyard Conservation Group - £1,000.</b></li> <li>iv) <b>Millfield Conservation Group - £2,000.</b></li> </ul> <p>The Finance Officer distributed details of the above funding which the Parish Council is required to publish at the end of the year. Members were made aware that the OB Village Hall is struggling to cope with increased costs and Cllr Renwick suggested the Parish Council may need to consider a further CIL contribution. The Clerk pointed out that CIL funding only applies to a capital project and not every-day running costs but that a further application could be considered.</p>	
<b>9.</b>	<b>CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS</b>	
	<b>No Items.</b>	
	There were no further items for discussion and the meeting closed at 20.33 hrs.	

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