

Minutes of Finance Committee meeting held on Monday 15th January 2024

Present: Councillor, Mrs P Mulholland, (Chair)
Councillors, T Fiddler, T Threlfall, Mrs. L Willis, K McKay, Mrs. N Whalley, Mrs. J Atherton, Mrs. D Dickinson, A Smith and Mrs. C Thomas

1) To Accept Apologies for absence.

Councillors Mrs. F Craig-Wilson & Mrs. N Griffiths (unwell)
It was resolved that the reason for absence should be accepted.

2) To record Declaration of interest from members in any item to be discussed.

All Councillors, as landlords, declared an interest in item 8 –Rents for the Croft Butts lane and Bush lane Allotments.

Councillors Mrs. L Willis, Mrs. N Whalley and Mrs. D Dickinson declared a pecuniary interest in Item 8 – Bush lane Allotments rent.

3) To review the Salaries of the Administration staff.

It was resolved that there will be a 2% increase in the salaries of the Administration staff,

4) To Review the Contracts for the Open Spaces Contractors.

It was resolved that there should be no increase in the contracts for the Open Spaces Contractors.
It was agreed that a vote of thanks should be sent to David Kirby and Thomas Garlick for their help in purchasing & installing the Christmas tree.

5) To agree the Precept Budget, including Open Spaces expenditure, for 2024-25

It was resolved to set a Precept budget of £110,544 for the 2024-25 Precept budget.

6) To consider any Capital expenditure proposals for 2024-2025

It was resolved that the following should be considered for Capital expenditure in 2024/25

SPID machine	£3,500
Lights for car park	£1,500
New Laptop	£ 600
Drains for Bush Lane	£10,000

Allotments

Cllr Threlfall reported that he was trying to secure a grant from FBC for the replacement of the roof at the Rawstone Centre.

7) To consider appointing Mrs. Taylor as the Internal Auditor for the 2023/24 Accounts

It was resolved that Mrs. Taylor should be appointed the Internal Auditor for 2023/24 accounts

8) To consider the rents for the Croft Butts lane and Bush lane allotments

The clerk reported that over the last five years overall there had been a shortfall in Croft Butts lane income and expenditure account and the Bush lane accounts had broken even.

It was resolved that the following increases should be applied to the allotment rents with immediate effect.

Croft Butts lane		Bush Lane
Larger plot £50		Full Plot £125
Full Plot £40		Half plot £75
Half Plot £25		Qtr. Plot £35

Signed.....T Fiddler, Vice Chairman.....

Date.....05/02/24.....