



Minutes of a Meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee will be held at Gamlingay Eco Hub on Tuesday 28th September 2021 at 7.30pm.

Present: C Smith, A Foster and L New. Clerk L Bacon.

136. To elect a chair and vice chair of Finance and General Purposes Committee and to receive **apologies for absence and declarations of interest** from councillors on items on the agenda. Apologies from S Martin, R Petch and P Webb. Deferred election until next meeting, CS stood as chair for this meeting. To receive written requests for dispensations for disc losable pecuniary interests (if any) and to grant any requests for dispensations as appropriate. None.
137. To **approve and sign the Minutes** of the F&GP meeting held 27th July 2021 and to consider any matters arising. 126 v. WI bench update. WI have deferred purchase of the bench until more funds are available. 128 iii. Update on scheduled works. A definite date has been requested from the contractor. Noted the Full Council minutes of 14th September 2021.
138. To receive any **representations from Members of the Public and Press** relating to items of business on this agenda during a ten-minute Open Forum. None.
139. **Finance:**
 - i. Payments approved vouchers 153 - 163
 - ii. Bank reconciliation July and August- resolved to approve
 - iii. To receive notice of conclusion of audit, report and certificate for year ending 31.3.2021. Noted clean audit.
 - iv. To consider appointment of new internal auditor for 2021-22. Resolved to approve appointment of IA B Stoer from CAPALC list after consideration of previous experience and charges.
 - v. Insurance renewal - noted renewal of annual policy (Long term agreement in place).



- vi. To consider extended warranty option on laptops. Resolved to decline.
 - vii. Annual Investment Strategy review. Resolved to approve.
 - viii. Revised budget for information – additional funding in grants and contingency category. Noted.
 - xi. Streetlighting – contract renewal and options for supplier – report. Noted that the information on the national database is currently incorrect so alternative suppliers cannot provide quotations. Resolved to contact County Council (Think Communities) to point out that as a large public authority it is in a far better position to negotiate favorable energy contracts and the previous system of re-invoicing parish councils was more cost effective.
140. **General purpose**
- i. HubBub event – update, costs to date for information. Noted and approved S106 allocation to be spent on mobile amp and microphones, extension cables and mats. GCT has provided a grant for water bottles and bags. Promotional materials have been printed. Additional volunteers needed – LN has offered to join as GCC trustee.
 - ii. Remembrance Day – arrangements for 2021. Service in St Mary’s. Chair HG to be asked to lay a wreath.
 - iii. Neighbourhood plan – update on submission for regulation 16. Noted consultation has now been published.
141. **Recreation spaces/community buildings**
- i. Football pitch – rabbit problem. To consider appropriate treatment. AF has inspected pitch with B Culverhouse – may not be rabbits, but badgers, crows, muntjac deer or a combination of these. Clearance of nature area undergrowth is ecologically sensitive and rabbit/pest control may be unpopular with residents and should not be undertaken without further investigation to identify exact problem and least invasive/destructive solution. No current action.
 - ii. Skatepark repairs and ongoing maintenance – to consider quotation. Not yet received.
142. **Cambridgeshire County Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council items**
- i. Footpath 10 – to note extension to closure and correspondence with Rights of Way officer. Noted ROW officer is very supportive of GPC’s

- stance and has permitted a 3 month extension for developer to come up with a plan to open all or part of path – may be a small diversion involved.
- ii. Street trading policy change notification. Noted will remove need for a license for street traders on all village streets. Resolved to refer to Full Council for response to consultation by 14.10.2021. Concern that streets such as Church Street could become even more congested if street traders are permitted without license.
 - iii. Community gritting scheme – volunteer response and areas covered. Noted AF will cover Cinques Rd, outside First School and post office. More volunteers will be called for on social media channels.
143. **Publications and communications**
- i. To consider draft press release on climate emergency – KW. Resolved to agree shortened version with KW as primary contact for interested parties.
 - ii. Gazette deadline for November edition – 1.10.2021. Noted – a later submission on HubBub can be considered.
144. Staff and Councillor matters
- i. Updated annual leave requests. Resolved to approve.
145. Routine Correspondence – available in the office. Noted.
146. Items for the next meeting. Vacancy on Council, first discussions on budget 2022-23.
147. Dates of next meetings: -Planning and Full Council Tuesday 12th October 2021, F and GP 26th October 2021. Noted.
148. Record Closure time of meeting. 20.16

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