

Cuddington Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, NORLEY ROAD CUDDINGTON ON 28TH JUNE 2021, COMMENCING AT 11AM.

Present: - Cllr Chrimes OBE, Cllr Brooks, Cllr Crist (via Zoom) and Cllr Hill. Also present Mrs Julie Chrimes – Clerk.

- 1. Apologies:** None.
- 2. Declarations of Interest.** Cllr Chrimes declared (a) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, in item 7, due to her relationship with the Clerk to the Council, Under (b) Other Disclosable Interests as required under Chapter 7 of the Localism Act 2011 and Cuddington Parish Council's Code of Conduct, there were no declarations.
- 3. Designated Reserves.** The Clerk explained designated reserves. The NS&I Account £19,467 is a fund for new play equipment and refurbishments to Weaverham Road car park. There is £950.00 in reserves that the War memorial Action Group donated to the Council once the project was completed. There is £3,500 in reserves from a Ward Councillors grant for a speed limit reduction of Cuddington Lane.
It was proposed by Cllr Brooks and seconded by Cllr Hill and **RESOLVED**, to recommend to full council that £1,000 of free reserves is transferred to capital reserves to build up the war memorial reserve fund.
- 4. 2021-2022 Budget.** The Committee went through the monthly expenditure monitor line by line and noted that the actual expenditure to date excluding capital payments was £38,653. It was proposed by Cllr Crist and seconded by Cllr Hill and **RESOLVED**, to recommend to full council to move £1,000 from free reserves to Flea Moss Pit (monitor code 305) to cover such costs of as advertising/maintenance during the sale of the land.
It was proposed by Cllr Hill and seconded by Cllr Chrimes and **RESOLVED**, to recommend to full council to purchase CCTV signage for Boundary Lane Green play area following further acts of vandalism. It was noted that the Chairman reported on a recent meeting with PCSO Gillett in relation to the vandalism, and the group agreed that the Clerk should contact PCSO Gillett, requesting that she escalate' s the matter and that a request is made for a meeting with her supervisor asap.

5. The Queens Jubilee Platinum Beacon 4th June 2022. The Clerk reported that the Playing Fields Association and the Gala committee will have a representative present at working group meetings to help organise an event for the Queens Jubilee Platinum Beacon. Cllr Crist advised the meeting that her husband would be able provide wood needed for the beacon, and it will conform to the Council Environmental policy.

The clerk raised concerns that inaccurate information was tabled at the statutory council meeting in June, and that she felt undermined. It was noted that the inaccurate information may have confused other Councillors. The Clerk requested that at the next meeting, Cllr Brooks reports on the issues that were inaccurate. The Clerk advised the committee that part of the Clerk's role is to give guidance to Council and Councillors, on governance, ethical and procedural matters, even if it that guidance is unpalatable. The Clerk confirmed that all the information she receives is from National Association of Local Councils, Cheshire Association of Local Councils and Society of Local Council Clerks.

6. Exclusion of Press & Public. RESOLVED that, the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the items in Part 2 of the agenda, as it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information relating to the financial or business affairs of any person (including the Authority holding the information) as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (amended).

7. Pensions. RESOLVED that, Cllr Crist and Cllr Hill shall collate further information to table at a committee meeting scheduled on Monday 23rd August, where the meeting will then consider a proposal to the full Council for their statutory meeting in September.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 1pm.

Date.....

Signed..... **Chairman**