

Cuddington Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD VIA ZOOM ON 31st MARCH, COMMENCING AT 11am.

Present: - Cllr Brooks – Chairman, Cllr Chrimes, Cllr Crist and Cllr Latham. Also, present Mrs Julie Chrimes – Clerk to the Council.

1. **Apologies:** None.
2. **Declarations of Interest.** Cllr Chrimes declared (a) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, at item 5 due to her relationship with the Parish Clerk. Under (b) Other Disclosable Interests as required under Chapter 7 of the Localism Act 2011 and Cuddington Parish Council's Code of Conduct no members declared an interest.
3. **Designated Reserves.** Current balances of designated reserves were £23,917.08. This was for any new play equipment required £19,467.08, costs for a reduction in speed limit at Cuddington Lane £3,500.00 and remedial work at the War Memorial site £950.00.
4. **Budget 2021-2022.** The Clerk reported on a overspend of £4,764.00 this financial year. In Administration there was an overspend due to the Council requiring a new laptop and the subscription of Zoom.
In finance there was an overspend in legal fees in relation to Flea Moss Pit. In Environmental there was an overspend due to a memorial bench being installed at Weaverham Road car park, lining of the car park at Weaverham Road and extra grass cutting at Boundary Lane Green by Northwich Town Council. There was also a new defibrillator installed on the south side of the village costing £1,657.00.

In communication there was an underspend of £1,032.00 during the pandemic there was no printing of the Round Tower newsletter.

During this financial year new wet-pour was installed at Norley Road playing fields the parish council and the CSPPFA contributed 50% each on the costing, the council's money came from the NS&I account which is specifically for play equipment. (£2,650.00)
5. **Local Government Pension Scheme.** The meeting discussed employees' pensions and the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS). It was agreed that Cllr Crist will gather more information on the costing of the scheme for the Parish Council and the Clerk will gather information about employees' costs of the scheme.

The meeting acknowledged that the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) is a valuable part of the pay and reward package for employees working in Local Government.

After the meeting information was sought from Cheshire Pension fund and they confirmed that the employee contribution rate, based upon the clerk's salary would be 6.5%, and the employer contribution rate for 2021/2022 would be 22.6% of the salary.

6. Community Litter pick.

It was proposed by Cllr Crist and seconded by Cllr Brooks and **RESOLVED** that the finance committee recommend to full Council that they apply for a match funding grant from Cheshire West and Cheshire Councillor's members budget allowance to build-up their own stock of litter picking equipment, following a successful community litter pick a few weeks ago.

The next Finance & General Purposes Group Committee meeting will be scheduled on 28th June 2021, and the clerk advised that from May meetings in the village hall will resume.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.30pm.

Date.....
Chairman

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