



RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING

Held on Wednesday 12th January 2022 at Desford Library

MINUTES

Present – Cllrs Norton (Chair), C Crane, Oakes and Peel. Also present were Martin Broomhead, the Clerk, Julie Frost (Admin Assistant)

1. Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Cunnington

2. Declarations of Interest

None.

3. To approve the minutes of the Resources Committee meeting held on 8th December 2021

The minutes were accepted and approved.

Cllr Norton advised that Councillors were awaiting feedback from Peter Bedford regarding the one-way system.

Councillors advised that there is to be a Procedures WG meeting on Monday 24th January regarding to discuss the draft Financial Regulations.

Cllr Norton enquired about the electrical inspection at the cottage connected to Desford Village Hall. The Clerk confirmed that this is due to be carried out on Monday 17th January.

4. To receive bank statements for December 2021

The bank statements for December were noted and are recommended to Council for information.

Clerk advised that we are now being charged by HSBC on three of our accounts at £8 each per month. Cllr Crane has suggested NatWest and Cllr Norton Metro Bank as possible alternatives. Clerk's office to investigate these options and report back.

5. To receive and approve the Cashbook statement up to the end of December 2021 and recommend payment of invoices

The Cashbook statement was received and noted, and the invoices will be recommended to Council for payment.

6. To receive and note the Parish Council Income & Expenditure up to the end of December 2021

The Committee noted the income and expenditure and recommend it to Council. VAT refunds were queried, and the Clerk reported that Richard Allen has advised that we are almost there, just the company name to be corrected.

7. Feedback from the Procurement Working Group held on 5th January, including any quotes

A meeting is to be held this Friday 14th January regarding plans for the Botcheston Village Hall improvements.

A quote has been received from Richard Childs for £650 for a soakaway at the pump which was accepted. This should take place in March due to Richard's workload. Councillors are keen to pursue the clerk's office accommodation and a disabled toilet facility.

8. Update on Desford In Bloom, the Heritage Group and the Scarecrow Group

Cllr Norton reported that budgets have been received from the Scarecrow Group. Scarecrow and DIB are to be added to the spreadsheet to monitor their expenditure.

9. Proposed Budget for 2022/23

The Clerk presented a proposed draft budget for 2022/23 and that he was looking for input from councillors on the Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr Peel requested that budgets should be increased for staff and Councillor training. The Committee agreed to recommend the amended budget to Council.

10. Recommendation on the Precept for 2022/23

Council agreed to recommend a 1% increase in the precept to Council.

11. Clerks Report

The Clerk proposed that we seek a quotation from Gallaghers (the Council's insurers) to ensure that our building valuations are up to date. Clerk will also approach Focus consultants for a comparable quote.

12. Information from Members

Cllr Crane advised that Ewan Lindsay has approached DIB regarding the coal truck project. He would like Council's approval to approach County Council for permission to access utility searches. There were no objections to this.

Last night's planning meeting raised that there may be a development of over 240 houses at Newbold Verdon (Brascote Lane) which would have an impact on traffic through Desford.

The meeting closed at 20.18

Chairman

Date