

WHITTLESEY TOWN COUNCIL – Finance & Policy Committee

For the health, safety, and well-being of our community as a result of Covid-19 and following the instruction of the Prime Minister's address on 23rd March 2020 all Parish Council meetings will be held remotely until further notice.

Minutes of the Finance & Policy Meeting held on Monday 19th April 2021 at 7.30pm via Zoom.

Present: Cllr Boden, Cllr Miscandlon, Cllr Mrs Mayor, Cllr Mason, Cllr Dorling

Officer in Attendance: Mrs Sue Piergianni – Town Clerk & RFO

Recording: This recording is made as an aide memoir for the Clerk.

FP26/2021 - To receive apologies from absent Members.

Cllr Davies No apologies were given.

FP27/2021- To receive members' declarations of disclosable pecuniary, non-disclosable pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in relation to any agenda items.

Cllr Mrs Mayor – Represents the Council on the Christmas lights committee, however she may still comment and vote on this application.

FP28/2021 – Public Forum – 15 minutes

Cllr Gerstner advised members the original cost for the picnic benches at the Manor was £5148.00 which was approved by Glassmore Bank March, however when the supplier was contacted to order the price had increased by £927.00, this was due to a shortage of supply of recyclable plastic, and in turn a large demand due to people meeting outside. Cllr Gerstner has spoken to Rebecca Robinett at FDC who has confirmed they will meet the additional cost.

FP29/2021 - To confirm and sign the Minutes from the Finance & Policy Committee on Monday 15th March 2021.

Ratified: The Minutes were approved and will be signed as a true record when possible.

FP30/21. Financials. –

1. Approve the draft AGAR and end of year figures – Members were presented with the draft AGAR, it was proposed by Cllr Boden and seconded by Cllr Miscandlon that this be presented to Full Council for approval at the annual meeting on Tuesday 4th May.
2. View of the new layout – The Clerk advised members that she will be changing the layout and cost centre codes and will send a copy to the chairman to peruse. This will make the reading of the reports easier.
3. Payment List for approval – Vouchers 245 to 279 totalling £28,867.10. Proposed Cllr Boden, Seconded Cllr Miscandlon with a unanimous vote in favour.

FP31/2021 - Donation Requests.

Whittlesey Christmas Lights grant request – £5000.00 was proposed by Cllr Miscandlon, seconded by Cllr Mason with a majority vote in favour, Cllr Mrs Mayor abstained from the vote.



FP32/2021 Agenda Items for Discussion

1. MVAS Battery change – The Clerk advised that after consultation with the contractor cameras were running out of battery before the end of the three weeks change period, which is down to the number of times they flash, The Clerk suggested battery change every 2 weeks and camera move every six weeks. This will incur an additional cost, but to have camera's up that do not work is not good policy. Cllr Miscandlon proposed we change the batteries every 2 weeks and the camera's every six weeks; this was seconded by Cllr Boden with a unanimous vote in favour.
2. Purchase of MVAS cameras – Cllr Miscandlon advised members the Clerk had obtained quotes for 2, 3 and 4 new cameras. The cost for 2 = £2695.00 each, 3 = £2595.00 each and 4 = £2395.00 each, the budget set for new cameras was £10,000.00, therefore the purchase of four at once would be under the budget, The Clerk did advise that we have purchased 10 additional brackets costing £500.00, therefore just taking this over the 10K in total. Cllr Miscandlon proposed we purchase the four new cameras'; this was seconded by Cllr Boden with a unanimous vote in favour.
3. CPCA funding – Cllr Boden advised members the scheme is now operational; with the Fenland Website giving all the details of how to apply. Cllr Boden will keep members updated.

FP33/2021– Date of Next Meeting – The Clerk and the Chairman will discuss this and advise members as soon as practicable.

Meeting Closed: 19.21



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Cllr Chris Boden
Chairman
Finance & Policy Committee

