

# **WHITTLESEY TOWN COUNCIL - Finance & Policy Committee**

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 6.00pm at Peel House, 8 Queen Street, Whittlesey. PE7 1JT

**Present:** Cllr Arman, Dorling, Sennitt-Clough & Dickinson

## **FP12/2024. To receive apologies from absent Members.**

Cllr Mockett, Wicks & Boden, (personal) Cllr Nawaz will be arriving late.

## **Officer in Attendance.**

Sue Piergianni – Town Clerk & RFO

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

## **FP13/2024. To receive members' declarations of disclosable pecuniary, non-disclosable pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in relation to any agenda items discussed later in the agenda.**

There were no member interests.

## **FP14/2024 - Public Forum – 15 minutes**

One member of the public was present.

## **FP15/2024 - To confirm and sign the Minutes from the Finance & Policy Committee on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

**Ratified:** The minutes of the meeting were approved and signed as a true record, proposed Cllr Sennitt-Clough, seconded Cllr Dorling with a unanimous vote in favour.

## **FP16/2024 – Financials.**

1. Bank Reconciliations to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024.
2. Year to date Figures.
3. Payment List for approval - Vouchers 240 – 261 to the value £6964.25 Proposed Cllr Dorling, seconded Cllr Dickinson with a unanimous vote in favour.
4. High Interest Account update – The Clerk advised that 85K is now with the Metro bank, she is still working on placing the balance of £45k.

6.15, Cllr Nawaz joined the meeting.

## **FP17/2024 - Agenda Items for Discussion**

1. Peel House Furniture JM – Cllr Mockett was not present at the meeting, members discussed the quotes but as these were not like for like, they requested the Clerk meet with Cllr Black to discuss this and bring the proposals back to Full Council on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. The Clerk will arrange a meeting with Cllr Black.
2. Timescales & Deadlines – Cllr Mockett had discussed with the Clerk that members ensure they send any items for inclusion on the Full Council Agenda to the Clerk on the Tuesday prior to the agenda being issued on the Friday. Cllr Nawaz proposed this change, seconded by Cllr Dorling with a unanimous vote in favour. The Clerk advised that Cllr Mockett could expand on this item at the Full Council on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2024.
3. Dog Waste Bins – Cllr Laws had requested two further dog waste bins on Stonald Road, she had obtained a cost of £166.40 per bin. FDC have confirmed they will supply, install, and empty the

bin. This was proposed by Cllr Sennitt-Clough, seconded Cllr Dickinson with a unanimous vote in favour.

4. Electric and Gas – Members discussed the gas and electric at length, Cllr Dorling has produced some figures which differ from British Gas Lite. Cllr Nawaz suggested Octopus be contacted, Cllr Dorling will do this and report back. The Clerk advised WTC had agreed she use a broker due to the time spent dealing with all these companies. Members were advised this item was first on the agenda in December and a decision has not yet been made, the contract ends on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024 and a decision needs to be made. Cllr Arman suggest that WTC go with the best deal that the Clerk and Cllr Dorling can obtain due to the timescales, this was proposed by Cllr Sennitt-Clough, seconded Cllr Nawaz, with a unanimous vote in favour.

#### **FP18/2024 – Information**

There was no information.

#### **FP19/2024 - Donation Requests**

Cambridgeshire Search and Rescue (CamSAR) - £340.00 – Proposed Cllr Dickinson, Seconded Cllr Sennitt-Clough with a unanimous vote in favour.

Parochial Church Council of Holy Trinity Coates – Cllr Sennitt-Clough asked for clarification if this is one of the Pathway Church. The donation request is for heating and lighting for the 'Trinity Tot's' group.

Standing orders were suspended.

Cllr Wainwright confirmed this is part of the Pathway group.

Standing orders were resumed.

Cllr Nawaz suggested we should not be involved with places of religion. Churches are the biggest landowners and have large funds. They have not approached other people, Cllr Dorling suggested they approach some of the wind farm groups. Glassmore and Burnthouse, also religious charities and other grant organisations. Cllr Sennitt-Clough advised they have 8K in the budget for maintenance, could this not be used to support this. Cllr Dorling proposed refusal, Seconded Cllr Sennitt-Clough with a unanimous vote in favour to not support this application.

Poppy Blitz Whittlesey – Cllr Nawaz, proposed £1000.00, - Proposed Cllr Nawaz, seconded Cllr Sennitt-Clough with a unanimous vote in favour.

#### **FP20/2024 - Date of Next Meeting 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024.**

#### **Meeting Closed: 19.14**

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Cllr Saeed Arman  
Vice Chairman  
Finance & Policy Committee