

HUNTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Finance and Policy Committee Meeting held on Monday 28th November 2022 at 7.00pm at Huntington Community Centre

PRESENT: Councillor D Smith (DS)(Chair), Councillor D Jobling (DJ)
Councillor S Jobling (SJ), Councillor K Glover (KG),
Councillor D Geogheghan-Breen (DB),
Councillor C Hillman to 8pm, Councillor K Orrell (KO),
Gill Chivers (RFO)

CIRCULATION: To all attendees and all other Parish Councillors.

MINUTES PREPARED BY: Gill Chivers

DATE (Draft): 30/11/2022

DATE TO BE APPROVED: 21/12/2022

1. To Note Apologies for Absence:

No apologies.

2. Appointment of Chair to Finance and Policy Committee:

DS confirmed as appointed following June F & P meeting.

3. To Approve Dispensation Requests and Note Any Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in any Items on the Agenda:

No Dispensation Requests made. All Councillors involved in general with Allotments, Village Halls, and other Parish funded items, including Huntington Sports Club. DJ and SJ with regard to family involvement in Item 6.

6. Consideration of Employees' Rates of Pay: (This item taken before discussion regarding Item 4). GC confirmed the current situation: Both Orchard Park Caretakers paid £11.50 per hour as at 1 April 2022, agreed by HPC – Parish Clerk and RFO governed by NALC pay rates/scale points increased to £15.67 per hr as at 2 Nov 2022 to be backdated to 1 April 2022. Clerk/RFO currently at top of LC2 (18-23) scale range, with the bottom of the next scale range LC2(24-28) for those responsible for employees being at £16.16 for 22.23.

It was **RECOMMENDED** for approval at full Parish that a) Orchard Park Caretakers receive a 10% increase as at 1/4/23 to £12.65 per hour and b) following from current increases, a 10% increase be included in the budget for the Clerk and RFO as at 1/4/23 to £17.24 per hour (or the closest NALC rate yet to be agreed).

4. Consideration of Precept 2022/23:

Papers already circulated concerning Precepts received by neighbouring Parish Councils. Precept increase put to the vote and majority vote to be **RECOMMENDED** for approval at full Parish that a 10% increase be requested i.e. £144658 for the year 2023/2024.

5. Consideration of

a) Internal Auditor's Report 2021/22:

Satisfactory report received, other than reference to the website still not complying with current regulations.

b) Appointment of Internal Auditor 2022/23:

RECOMMENDED for approval by full Parish that James Mackman be asked to remain as Internal Auditor for 2022/23.

c) External Auditor's Report 2021.22:

Satisfactory report received.

7. Consideration of Funding Request from 18th York St Andrew's Guides:

Request received for general funding for the organisation. **RECOMMENDED** for approval by full Parish that a 137 Payment of £400 be granted.

8. Consideration of Warm Hub Funding:

General discussion regarding possible venues for warm hubs – library, Bowls Club, Halls. Some funding available for this from Ward Committee. **RECOMMENDED** for approval by full Parish that Huntington Community Centre advertise as a warm hub from 10 to 12 on Monday mornings from 9 January. This is the only time when the Manager is present and no classes are taking place. Can be put on the HCC website and run over January/February/March as a trial.

9. Consideration of Citizens' Advice York quarterly reports:

GC summarised recent reports received to the end of September 2022. Although 38% were able to benefit from face to face meetings, telephone advice remains the popular option with 50% of clients using this service. Currently, the Huntington outreach takes place at the Community Centre every second and fourth Monday of the month. GC to ask LF to update this information on the website and an up to date poster to be displayed.

10. Date of Next Meeting:

To be confirmed.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Date of Next Meeting: To be arranged as necessary.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm.

