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Minutes of Finance Committee Meeting held on Thursday 1 April 2021 at 7.30pm Venue: Remote meeting via Zoom

Present: Councillors Wendy Berriman Dorothy Kerry Martin Doyle

David Parry Eileen Whitaker

Also Present: Sue Hake, Clerk, Isabel Crozier Assistant Clerk

**2021/FC/047** To receive and accept apologies for absence Cllr Pryce

2021/FC/048 To receive declarations of interest and dispensations

- a) To receive declarations of interest from Councillors on items on the agenda
- b) To receive written requests for dispensations for declarable interests
- c) To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate None received

2021/FC/049 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 7 January 2021

Resolved: Cllr Berriman proposed confirmation of the minutes held on 7 January 21 that

are to be signed outside of the meeting, seconded Cllr Parry

Votes in favour: Unanimous Motion Carried

**2021/FC/050** Public Participation – to receive petitions, comments and questions To welcome public participation in accordance with the Public Speaking Policy No members of the public attended

2021/FC 051 To consider grant & discount applications

i. Brownies

**Resolved**: Cllr Berriman proposed the Brownies received a discount of 75% with notification to be made this percentage may not apply in the future and will be reviewed for 2022, seconded Cllr Parry

Votes in favour: Unanimous

**Motion Carried** 

ii.Gardening Club

The Clerk confirmed no application from the Gardening Club had been received by the Bookings manager for consideration

**2021/FC/052** To approve change of payroll contractor to commence from April 2021 for Councillor Allowances and staff salaries

The Clerk went though the fees raised by the current payroll provider and provided a comparison to these with the new provider that would provide cost savings on the basic provision of the payroll service

**Resolved**: Cllr Parry proposed the change of payroll provider to ELAS, seconded Cllr Berriman

Votes in favour: Unanimous Motion Carried

**2021/FC/053** To discuss and consider the Day Nursery request for a long term rental agreement The Clerk confirmed all payments were up to date and discussed options with the Finance Committee.

**Resolved**: Cllr Parry proposed a rental agreement up to 2 years with break clauses at the end of each year, to stay in Watford Room unless required but to empty room at the end of each month, seconded Cllr Berriman

Votes in favour: Unanimous Motion Carried

2021/FC/054 To agree the reduction and or replacement of vehicles and machinery

Resolved: Cllr Doyle proposed to take the recommendation from the Asset Working Party,

seconded Cllr Whittaker

Votes in favour: Unanimous Motion Carried

2021/FC/055 To agree list of subscriptions for 2021-22

Resolved: Cllr Kerry proposed agreement to all subscription circulated, seconded Cllr Parry

**Motion Carried** 

Votes in favour: Unanimous

2021/FC/056 To agree to extend the IT support contract

Resolved: Cllr Parry proposed agreement to extend the contract with Hertscom for a

further year, seconded Cllr Kerry

Votes in favour: Unanimous Motion Carried

2021/FC/057 To reconfirm signatories for all St Stephen Parish Council bank accounts

Resolved: Cllr Kerry proposed agreement for bank signatories to include all serving

members of the finance committee, seconded Cllr Parry

Votes in favour: Unanimous Motion Carried

2021/FC/058 To agree Finance Reports

Action: to take finance reports to Full Council

2021/FC/059 Date of next meeting

Tuesday 15 June and put back Full Council one week to 24th June 2021

The meeting closed at 9pm