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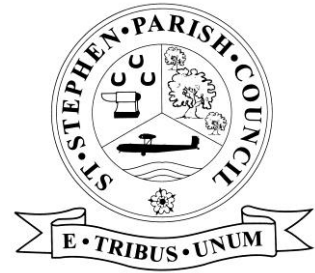
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Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 15 March 2022 at 7.30pm at the Parish Centre, St Stephen Suite, Bricket Wood, AL2 3PJ

Present: **Councillors:** Wendy Berriman Dorothy Kerry Eileen Whittaker
 David Parry Bill Pryce David Yates
 Ajanta Hilton Mark Skelton

Also Present: Sue Hake, Clerk
No Members of public attended

2122/FC/039 To receive and accept apologies for absence
Cllr Doyle

2122/FC/040 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

2122/FC/041 To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 20 January 2022
Resolved: Cllr Pryce proposed confirmation of the minutes for them to be signed, seconded Cllr Parry
Votes in favour 7, Abstained 1 due to not attending **Motion Carried**

2122/FC/042 Public Participation – to receive petitions, comments and questions
To welcome public participation in accordance with the Public Speaking Policy
No public participation

2122/FC/043 Update of actions from previous minutes not covered later in the agenda
No additional updates were made

2122/FC/044 Update on bank mandates
The Clerk confirmed signature status to now be able to progress with progressing all Finance Committee members to be made signatories for all of the Parish Council bank accounts

2122/FC/045 Consider and agree changes to venue hire
i. Function minimum hire charge to be set at £50
Resolved: Cllr Kerry proposed agreement for the Function minimum charge to be set at £50 excluding discretionary and grant applications, seconded Cllr Berriman
Votes: in favour Unanimous **Motion Carried**
ii. Deposit charges for specific age birthday functions to be set at £1000 plus additional charges
Resolved: Cllr Berriman proposed agreement for specific age birthday functions to be set at £500 plus additional charges, seconded Cllr Parry
Votes: in favour Unanimous **Motion Carried**
iii. Change to hire agreement in reference to hire of venue for commercial activities
h) No commercial activity involving direct selling to the public may take place (**without permission from the Parish Council**) on the premises other than 'Fund Raising' and 'Charity' events declared to and approved by the Council. Suggested change in bold brackets

Resolved: Cllr Pryce proposed agreement to the hire agreement amendment in reference to hire of venue for commercial activities for no commercial activity involving direct selling to the public may take place **(without permission from the Parish Council)** on the premises other than 'Fund Raising' and 'Charity' events declared to and approved by the Council, seconded Cllr Whittaker

Votes: in favour Unanimous

Motion Carried

2122/FC/046 To note Finance Reports

Noted

Action: To look into possibility of separating glass bottles at Greenwood Park CC

2122/FC/047 To confirm the 2021 NJC pay scales backdated to April 2021

Confirmed

2122/FC/048 To consider and agree actions for the credit/debit card use policy

Resolved: Cllr Doyle proposed recommendation for the credit/debit card policy be included with all Council Policies when reviewed by Full Council, seconded Cllr Pryce

Votes: in favour: Unanimous

Motion Carried

2122/FC/049 To consider and agree actions for the Investment policy

Agreed to defer to consider ethical principles and review the District Council policy

2122/FC/050 Clerks Report

The Clerk requested feedback on the replacement for the Drinks machine at the Parish Centre.

Councillors confirmed preference to continue to have a basic tea and coffee machine

Action: Research to be completed to seek options for a replacement machine

The Bookings Manager has circulated an email regarding a request for a discount.

Councillors confirmed the request did not comply with the Parish Council Policy and would not be agreed.

The meeting closed at 8.52pm