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Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting

held on Tuesday 9 January 2024 at 7.30pm at St Stephen Suite, Parish Centre, Station Rd, Bricket Wood

Present: Councillors: Wendy Berriman Mark Skelton David Yates

Ajanta Hilton Bill Pryce

Dorothy Kerry Eileen Whittaker

Also present Sue Hake, Clerk

2324/FC/063 Public Participation - to receive petitions, comments and questions

To welcome public participation in accordance with the Public Speaking Policy None

2324/FC/064 To receive and accept apologies for absence

Cllr Whittaker gave apologies in advance for late arrival

2324/FC/065 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

2324/FC/066 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 5 December 2023

Resolved: Minutes were confirmed by all who attended and signed by the Chair of Finance

2324/FC/067 To consider and agree grant or discount requests

i. Discretionary discount request from Herts County Council -(OPALS) (Older Persons Activity and Learning Safety) for hire of Greenwood Park Sports Hall on 27 June 24 9am to 1.30pm Resolved: To agree HCC (OPALS) venue hire 75% discount and deposit waiver- Unanimous ii. Grant request from Greenwood Park Cricket Club of boundary rope purchase £200-£250 Action: Clerk to request copy of account and seek confirmation for rope storage

2324/FC/068 To note Interim Internal Audit

Confirmed

2324/FC/069 To confirm Internal Auditor services for 2024

Resolved: To confirm the Internal Auditor Services to IAC Audit & Consultancy Ltd

2324/FC/070 To review and agree the Business Risk Assessment - Deferred

2324/FC/071 To discuss items for consideration for inclusion to the 2024-25 Budget and Precept

Resolved: To take recommendation to Full Council to approve the 2024-25 budget and £748,850 Precept This will equate to an 11% increase based on the Annual band D Council tax from £97.59 to £108.32 with a total annual increase of £10.73 or 20 pence per week

Date:

2324/FC/072 Clerks report - No items to report

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