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Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 23 July 2024 at 7.30pm at St Stephen Suite, Parish Centre, Station Rd, Bricket Wood

David Yates

Present: Councillors: Dorothy Kerry Eileen Whittaker Also present: Sue Hake, Clerk

2425/FC/001 To elect a Chair for the Finance Committee for 2024-25 Resolved to elect Cllr Kerry as Chair of Finance Committee for 2024-25

2425/FC/002 Public Participation – to receive petitions, comments and questions To welcome public participation in accordance with the Public Speaking Policy None

2425/FC/003 To receive and accept apologies for absence Apologies and reasons for absence received and accepted from Cllrs Hilton, Skelton and Berriman

2425/FC/004 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
- 2425/FC/005 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 23 April 2024 Resolved: to confirm minutes of the meeting held on 23 April 24 to be signed by the Chair
- 2425/FC/006 Update on actions from previous minutes not covered later in agenda None
- 2425/FC/007 To agree councillor to check and sign bank reconciliations Resolved to agree Cllr Kerry to check and sign the last quarter bank reconciliations
- 2425/FC/008 To note end of Natwest Investment term and funds to be transferred back Noted
- 2425/FC/009 To review and agree grant and discretionary policy Action: Clerk to forward completed amendments for confirmation to Cllr Tyndale prior to final agreed document to be forwarded as recommendation to Full Council to adopt
- 2425/FC/010 To consider and agree grant and discretionary discount applications Keep Chiswell Green – Discretionary discount requests Due to previous agreements made in the current financial year Resolved: To agree 50% of the £225 discretionary discount requested
- **2425/FC/011** To note bad debts as at 30 June 24 List of bad debts being monitored were discussed and Noted
- **2425/FC/012** To review EOY accounts and agree earmarked and ringfenced allocations Underspend amounts agreed to be earmarked/ringfenced

2425/FC/013 To review status of S106 funded projects

Status of S106 funded projects agreed with SADC have been completed **Action**: Clerk to include an agenda item for S106 at all Finance Committee meetings

- 2425/FC/014 To review and agree Investment policy Resolved to include CCLA into the investment policy
- 2425/FC/015 To discuss and agree CCLA Investment amounts Resolved To agree investing Precept
- 2425/FC/016 To review and agree the Financial Regulations Resolved: Agreement to extend meeting finish time Resolved to agree amendments for the 2024 Financial Regulations and take the Recommendation to Full Council to adopt
- 2425/FC/017 Clerks Report

Notification of pay award request proposals Clerk to circulate original proposals and update information to Finance committee members

Working conditions of the GWP office were discussed with previous unspent budgeted improvements including a new window in the office that had been put on hold and absorbed into Reserves. The Clerk was asked to obtain feedback from Centre Manager and take to Fixed Assets to discuss progression

Meeting closed at 22.45

Signed:

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