



LISS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Finance Committee held at Liss Village Hall

on 5th June 2023 7.00pm

Members: *Cllr C Williams (Chair), *Cllr K Budden, *Cllr I James, *Cllr N Wilson

*Present

The meeting was clerked by S. Humphrey, Responsible Finance Officer

17/FIN/23 Election of Chair

Cllr Williams was elected as Chair (nominated by Cllr Wilson and seconded by Cllr Budden with all in favour).

18/FIN/23 Apologies

Apologies were accepted from Cllr A. Smith.

19/FIN/23 Declarations of interests

The following non-pecuniary interests were declared:

- Cllr James noted his position as a member of EHDC.
- Cllr Williams declared an interest as an allotment tenant.
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20/FIN/23 Minutes of the meeting of 30th January 2023

Resolved: That the minutes of 30th January 2023 be accepted as a correct record (proposed by Cllr Wilson and seconded by Cllr Budden, Cllr James abstained as new to Council).

21/FIN/23 Matters arising from the minutes of 30th January 2023 in relation to LPC business

Cllr Wilson requested further information on the £81,204.68 for Village Gateways signs and school zone improvements. The Chair confirmed that this was S106 funds misallocated to general reserves in the financial year ending March 2022 and has now been reallocated to an EMR.

22/FIN/23 Review of LPC Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2023

The RFO presented the report from Omega for the financial year end.

Accounts show an overall favourable variance to budget of £1,947.

Items of note are:

- Staff cost and pension cost £13,889 and £2,637 respectively overspent against budget largely as a result of staff increasing hours, public sector pay increases and the timing of them.
- Building maintenance shows an overspend of £6,644 overspend. However, the sum for the village hall lighting and audio upgrades was allocated from general reserves.
- Waste disposal £3,599 underspent as a result of a legacy issue which was resolved in the financial year.
- Play equipment repairs £2,197 underspent as there was more equipment replaced than repaired in the period.
- Training has increased due to new councillors training.
- Stationery has increase due to the increased cost of paper.
- Printer costs had increased due to the purchase of a new printer.
- Audit: shows an increase due to general inflation increase in charges.
- Grass Cutting was under budget this was due to weather conditions and less cuts made.

The Chair reported that the surplus for the year of £16,035 will go into general reserves.

23/FIN/23 Review of EMR's

The Chair noted that the unallocated CIL receipts currently stands at £16,719.29 and that the total of the EMR's is currently £480,015.80. Also noted that general reserves is currently £135,421.93 which includes an amount reserved for general operating funds.

Cllr Wilson asked if the company that currently cover the Village Centre and NC CCTV maintenance could also cover the Pavilion. He also asked if the extension of the pump track CCTV to cover the play area could be covered out of general reserves.

24/FIN/23 Consider any grant or CIL applications

An application was discussed from The Secret WW2 Learning Network for £451.36 the committee couldn't find an overall benefit to the community as a whole, it was resolved that the application be declined with all in favour.

CIL grant to Crossover was discussed. The Chair highlighted that they still needed to produce the evidence before any grant could be released. It was therefore resolved that the grant is not to be released yet until more information is provided from them with all in favour.

CHARITY BUSINESS

25/FIN/23 Review of Charity Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2023

The RFO presented the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2023.

-Village Hall: The Chair noted that the Village Hall had a deficit of £1,526 for the year this due to a lot of maintenance work undertaken.

Cllr James posed the question of conducting a professional marketing survey for the increase hirings and maybe have an on-line booking system, this proposal would have to go to Facilities Committee.

-West Liss: shows a surplus of £6,050. Pavilion rentals exceeded budget by £7,152.

-Allotments: Surplus of £3,288 rentals exceeded budget by £917, tree surgery costs of £1,040 owing to clearance work at Lower Green and a fallen tree at Riverside Walk., water supply by £1890 owing to reversal of an overcharge of supply at Lower Green.

26/FIN/23 AOB

The Chair expressed her thanks to the RFO for her work getting the accounts up together.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed at 20.25 hrs.

Date for next meeting Monday 27th November 2023 @ 7 pm.