



## GREAT HORKESLEY PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD MONDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2023 IN THE NEW VILLAGE HALL MEETING ROOM AT 10.00AM

**Those present:**

Cllrs G Baker (Chairman)  
C Arnold  
M Mead (*joined at 10.14am*)  
M Sudbery

**F22/34 Chairman's Welcome**

Cllr Baker welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**F22/35 Apologies and Reasons for Absence**

No apologies were received.

**F22/36 Declarations of Interest**

No member declared an interest in respect of any item on the Agenda.

**F22/37 Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022 were approved and signed as a true record.

*Cllr Mead joined the meeting.*

**F22/38 Third Quarter Accounts**

The reports and documents that had been circulated before the meeting detailing the Third Quarter Accounts as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 were reviewed in detail.

**It was unanimously agreed** to approve and sign the Third Quarter Accounts.

**F22/39 2023/24 Budget and Precept**

Prior to the meeting, the Clerk circulated a document detailing the expected payments to be made during the next financial year and a first draft of the 2023/24 Budget.

A lengthy discussion was held, and members reviewed each line of the first draft of the budget in detail, making some minor amendments and therefore producing the second draft of the 2023/24 Budget (Appendix A).

**F22/40 Village Hall Hire Rates**

Hourly rates for all regular hirers of the Village Hall were increased from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 in accordance with those agreed by Full Council (item 22/50 (b)). For one regular hirer, this means their hourly rate will increase by over 40%.

**It was agreed by a majority** (three members agreed, one member disagreed) that the hourly rates for this regular hirer only, be increased by 25% from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 (proposed Cllr Baker, seconded Cllr Arnold). The rates will be reviewed again in due course to bring them in line with those paid by other regular hirers.

**F22/41 Recommendations to Full Council**

**It was unanimously agreed** to recommend to Full Council:

- a) That the second draft of the 2023/24 Budget be approved (Appendix A).
- b) To review the estimated costs for the items listed in Appendix B and include them in the 2023/24 Budget where necessary.
- c) To keep the Savings Account with Barclays open and use it to hold any reserves when necessary.

**F22/42 Next Meeting of the Finance Committee**

The next meeting of the Finance Committee will be Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April at 10am. The focus of this meeting will be to review and approve the Final Accounts for the 2022/23 financial year in preparation for the annual audits.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 12.28pm