



Oundle Town Council

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Minutes of the Town Council Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 8th November 2022 at 7.30pm in The Oundle Suite, Fletton House, Oundle.

Present: Cllrs: Cllrs I Clark, D Chapple and R Reichhold.
Clerk: Emma Baker
Finance Officer: Paul Smith
In attendance: Myra Hales Chair of Blooming Oundle

FGP22.15. Apologies for Absence

22.15.01. To receive apologies for absence.
The apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Hutton

FGP22.16. Declarations of Interests

To receive and consider any declarations of interest from Members and Officers under Section 50 of the Local Government Act 2000 (*Standing Order 35*) (This requirement applies only in respect of matters, which are to be considered by the Council at this meeting.)

22.16.01. To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.
There were none

22.16.02. To declare any Other Interests.
Cllr Reichhold informed the meeting that he had won £100 on the VA raffle.

FGP22.17 Representations from Interested Parties

A period of no longer than 10 minutes will be allocated for members of the public to address the meeting about items on this agenda **at the Chairman's discretion.** (*Standing Order 3d and 3e*).

A presentation was given by Myra Hales Chair of Blooming Oundle about their plans to increase the planters in the and that they are considering entering the Town's in Bloom competition. It was agreed that the Clerk give Myra contact details for Ashton Parish council.

FGP22.18. Consideration of Requests from Interested Parties

None received.

FGP22.19. Minutes of Previous Meetings – Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting

22.19.01. PROPOSITION: 'To approve and sign the minutes for the Finance and General Purposes committee and Personnel committee Meeting held on 26th September 2022 as an accurate record.' (*Standing Order 12*).

The minutes were amended to remove the finance officer's name. and then approved.

Proposed: Cllr Reichhold **Seconded:** Cllr Chapple **Resolved:** All in favour

FGP 22.20. Financial Matters

22.20.01. To receive the accounts for October 2022
The accounts were received.

22.20.02. To reconsider Oundle Town Rowing Club grant application in light of Mayor's site visit on October 22nd.
It was agreed that OTC would give a grant of £1,000.

Proposed: Cllr Clark **Seconded:** Cllr Chapple **Resolved:** All in favour

22.20.03. To consider the grant application from the Blooming Oundle.
The grant was approved.

Proposed: Cllr Clark **Seconded:** Cllr Chapple **Resolved:** All in favour

22.20.04. To receive a proposal for a cost-of-living payment to OTC staff, discuss and decide further action.
It was agreed that a one-off cost of living payment of £150.00 would be given to all staff.

Proposed: Cllr Clark **Seconded:** Cllr Chapple **Resolved:** All in favour

22.20.05. To consider budget for 2023 – 2024.
It was agreed that the budget for energy would double next financial year unless we could secure a better fixed price with our providers. Each budget area was considered and either kept the same as last year or increase by 10%.
Some income streams have been reduced to zero. It is expected that expenditure on salaries, mowing contracts, insurance and cleaning costs.
Cemetery expenditure has been increased significantly as work will need to be carried out on the wall.
The overall increase worked out at around 8%, however using some reserve income would reduce the increase to around 5% meaning there would be no increase for the taxpayers.

22.20.06. To receive the notification from the Pensions Regulator that OTC has completed the re-declaration.
The notification was received.

22.20.07. To receive the letter from Unity Trust Bank regarding FSCS Annual Review and consider if any action is required.
Received and it was agreed that we would not move any funds to new bank accounts.

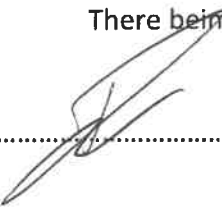
22.20.08. To receive and consider the latest information on the Local Government Pay Services pay increases for 2022 – 2023.



The information was received and salary increases and back pay would be paid during the next salary payments.

FGP 21.21. Any other business for Report only
There were no items for report.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.58 pm

Signed:.....


Dated:..... 14/2/23