

Minutes of the Finance, Administration & Remuneration committee meeting held on Wednesday, 15 September 2021 at 19:30 in Kings Worthy Community Centre, Fraser Road, Kings Worthy

Attendees

Councillors (Cllrs) Stewart Newell (Chair), Signe Biddle, Ian Gordon and Matthew Miller-Hall.

Clerk(s) Louise Daniel and Christopher Read

Apologies

Cllr Emily Fish

Members of the public

None

The committee welcomed Louise Daniel who had been appointed as Assistant Clerk.

F/21/065 - Public question time

None.

F/21/066 - Impact of COVID-19

Recommended restrictions for meeting – It was agreed for the current recommendations to remain for meetings.

F/21/067 - Agree and sign the minutes of the meeting held on the 11 August 2021

The minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chair.

F/21/068 - Matters arising from the meeting held on the 11 August 2021

<u>VAT advice</u> Having approached Parkinson Partnership, they referenced previous advice they had given us which indicated that we very likely didn't need to be VAT registered. It was provisionally agreed to de-register subject to the agreement of the changes to the sub-lease.

F/21/069 - Proposed new expenditure for Finance approval

Planning and Highways (P&H) – None.

Finance, Administration & Remuneration (FAR) - None.

Replacement fire shutter battery backup Tubbs Hall – The Clerk noted that the fire shutter's battery backup requires replacing and a quotation is being obtained for this work. In the meantime, the shutter will be shut off and remain closed.

Training for new Assistant Clerk – It was agreed to book the new Assistant Clerk on the upcoming new Clerk training from the Hampshire Association of Local Councils, at a cost of £95.00.

It was also agreed for the Clerk to book her on further training courses subject to the £200 delegated authority limit.

Action: Book new Assistant Clerk on training courses as above.

Recreation and Amenities (R&A) -

<u>Laurels at Upper Broadview</u> – Three quotations had been received by R&A for the cutting back of the laurel trees along the edge of Upper Broadview to 6ft in height.

Quotation A = £2,925.00 (exc. VAT)

Quotation B = £3,500.00 (exc. VAT)

Quotation C= £2,600.00 (exc. VAT)

R&A had agreed to proceed with Quotation C. This decision was unanimously ratified subject to confirmation of the ownership of the trees.

Action: Check ownership of the trees as above.

Communications - None.

Grants - None.

F/21/070 - Parish Council insurance renewal

Quotations had been sought by our broker for the renewal of the Parish Council's insurance from AXA (Pen), Hiscox and Ecclesiastical. The Clerk noted that one of the companies were not providing quotations at present. It was agreed given the expertise needed to obtain quotations for appropriate cover, that the Council proceeds based on the two quotations received.

Quotation A = £5,758.53 per annum or £5,470.60 per annum with a 3-year long term agreement Quotation B = £7,095.56 per annum

Having clarified with the broker, Quotation A covers costs towards the eviction of unauthorised encampments via the courts, but not via bailiffs under common law. Quotation B potentially provides some cover for the common law route but with a £2,500 excess.

It was agreed to proceed with recommending the Council accepts Quotation A, as per the recommendation from our brokers,

Action: Send recommendation to Parish Council for ratification.

F/21/071 – To receive the statement of accounts and management reports for the period ended 31 August 2021

The Clerk/RFO gave a presentation on the accounts for the month ending 31 August 2021 (see attached).

IT was noted that £18,339.20 of the CIL reserve (funds received in previous financial years) needs either have a plan to/or have been spent by April 2022.

It was agreed to deposit an initial £5,000 in the Nationwide 35-day savings account.

F/21/072 - Authorise the payment listing

All members reviewed and authorised a copy of the payment listing (see attached).

F/21/073 - Remuneration and Staffing

<u>Items relating to the new Assistant Clerk –</u> It was noted that the new Assistant Clerk has been employed on the salary of £22,500 (pro-rata). It was agreed that any additional hours worked (above the contracted 20 hours) by the new Assistant Clerk for training can be paid as overtime.

Pay Review -

The Clerk's annual review has yet to take place. It was also agreed that the Clerk's pay will be reviewed at the next committee meeting.

The previously agreed 34-hours of overtime owed to the Clerk had not yet been paid. It was agreed for the Clerk to be paid up to 55 hours of time owed (including the previously agreed 34 hours) as overtime.

F/21/074 - Tubbs Hall - landlord's responsibilities

<u>Sub Lease on Tubbs Hall –</u> Due to the timings of the meeting this item is yet to be sent to the full council.

F/21/075 - Legal issues

Under the provisions of the Public Bodies [Admissions to Meetings] Act 1960 [as extended by S100A of the Local Government Act 1972] the public were excluded from the discussion on this item due to the confidential nature of the business to be considered, namely to discuss the status of the Lovedon Fields site and a complaint received relating to one of our play areas.

Lovedon Fields site – Councillors discussed correspondence that had been received regarding the Lovedon Fields site.

Action: It was agreed to obtain legal advice from our solicitors.

Play area complaint – Councillors discussed a complaint that been received.

Action: It was agreed to respond to the person who submitted the complaint, subject to agreement by our Insurer.

The meeting re-opened to the public at this point.

F/21/076 - RFO/Clerk's notices

External audit comment – A comment had been received from the external auditor relating to the Parish Council's role as a trustee on the Annual Governance return (AGAR). The internal audit report and Section 1 of the AGAR differ. The Clerk had discussed this with the internal auditor who has replied to the external auditor to clarify the reason for the difference and that the Parish Council's answer in Section 1 is correct.

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F/21/078 - Items for discussion at the next meeting on the 13 October 2021

Forecast Outturn & Budget 2022/23

Review of Grievance & Disciplinary policy

Meeting Closed at 20:57.

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Management Accounts for the period ending 31st August 2021

Income

| Department/committee | Annual | Budget Year | Actual Year | Variance Year | |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|--|
| Department/committee | Budget | to Date | to Date | to Date | |
| Community Infrastructure Levy | £12,884.51 | £6,442.26 | £35,609.37 | £29,167.12 | |
| Neighbourhood Plan | £9,000.00 | £0.00 | £0.00 | £0.00 | |
| Finance, Administration & | £173,733.08 | £72,040.63 | £72,219.79 | £179.16 | |
| Remuneration | £173,733.06 | £72,040.03 | £72,219.79 | £179.10 | |
| Kings Worthy Community Centre | £4,399.44 | £1,833.10 | £915.00 | -£918.10 | |
| Planning & Highways | £0.00 | £0.00 | £0.00 | £0.00 | |
| Recreation & Amenities | £5,560.00 | £1,733.55 | £1,252.00 | -£481.55 | |
| Totals: | £205,577.03 | £82,049.54 | £109,996.16 | £27,946.62 | |

Expenditure

| Department/committee | Annual Budget | Budget Year to Date | Actual Year to Date | Variance Year to Date |
|--|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Community Infrastructure Levy | £0.00 | £0.00 | £0.00 | £0.00 |
| Neighbourhood Plan | £9,000.00 | £0.00 | £0.00 | £0.00 |
| Finance, Administration & Remuneration | £81,705.67 | £38,767.72 | £33,041.42 | £5,726.30 |
| Kings Worthy Community Centre | £10,315.89 | £4,902.71 | £2,915.26 | £1,987.45 |
| Planning & Highways | £7,175.00 | £0.00 | £0.00 | £0.00 |
| Recreation & Amenities | £81,257.55 | £27,150.99 | £23,409.39 | £3,741.60 |
| Totals: | £189,454.11 | £70,821.42 | £59,366.07 | £11,455.35 |

| | Annual Budget | Budget Year to Date | Actual Year to Date | Variance Year to Date |
|------------------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| | buuget | to Date | to Date | to Date |
| Actual Year to Date Position | £16,122.92 | £11,228.12 | £50,630.09 | £39,401.97 |

<u>Memorandum position - Excluding Community Infrastructure Levy receipts and expenditure</u>

| | Annual | Budget Year | Actual Year | Variance Year | |
|-------------------------|-----------|--------------------|-------------|---------------|--|
| | Budget | to Date | to Date | to Date | |
| Memorandum Year to Date | £3,238.41 | £4,785.86 | £15,020.72 | £10 224 96 | |
| Position: | £3,236.41 | £4,765.60 | £15,020.72 | £10,234.86 | |

Balance Sheet for period ending 31st August 2021

| Bank Accounts | |
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| Unity Trust Bank Current Account | £8,491.51 |
| Unity Trust Tailored Deposit Account | £103,306.34 |
| Sub-Total: | £111,797.85 |
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| <u>Investments/Deposits</u> | |
| Hampshire Trust Bank Variable (45-day notice) | £42,313.17 |
| Hampshire Trust Bank Variable (90-day notice) | £42,686.83 |
| United Trust Bank Variable (100-day notice) | £5,213.92 |
| Sub-Total: | £90,213.92 |
| Other | |
| B4B Procurement Card | £5.24 |
| Debtors | £200.00 |
| Prepayments | £0.00 |
| Sub-Total: | £582.79 |
| Total Coverent Assets | £202,217.01 |
| Total Current Assets: | £202,217.01 |
| Current Liabilities | |
| Trade Creditors | £594.17 |
| Retentions | £377.20 |
| Received on Account (inc. Precept) | £14,351.50 |
| PAYE Payments Due | £460.00 |
| NI Payments Due | £832.36 |
| Pension Payments Due | £1,010.27 |
| VAT to be Paid | -£3.00 |
| VAT to be Reclaimed | -£1,646.49 |
| VAT that has been Reclaimed but not received | £0.00 |
| Total Current Liabilities: | £15,976.01 |
| Current Assets Minus Liabilities: | £186,241.00 |
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| Earmarked Funds in Reserve | |
| Church Green Reserve | £6,177.49 |
| Play area maintenance reserve | £34,053.22 |
| CIL Reserve | £25,179.42 |
| Total Current Liabilities: | £65,410.13 |
| Net Assets | |
| Profit & Loss Accounts Brought Forward | -£8,558.49 |
| General Reserves (inc. £19,297.65 for tree works) | £78,759.27 |
| Profit & Loss Year to Date | £50,630.09 |
| Total Net Assets: | £120,830.87 |
| Total Net Assets. | 2120,030.07 |

Payment Authorisation Listing - September 2021

Committees:

FAR = Finance, Administration & Remuneration

KWCC = Kings Worthy Community Centre

PC = Parish Council

P&H = Planning & Highways

R&A = Recreation & Amenities

Payments previously authorised on the bank (paid to meet payment deadlines)

| Date | Committee | Beneficiary | Description | Category | Total (Inc. VAT) | Unrecoverable VAT |
|------------|-----------|------------------------------------|---|---------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| 16/08/2021 | R&A | Imperative Training (Defibshop) | Replacement set of defibrillator pads | Defibrillators | £57.00 | £0.00 |
| 18/08/2021 | R&A | C&D Trees Ltd | Agreed tree works at Upper Broadview | Tree Works | £250.00 | £0.00 |
| 31/08/2021 | FAR | Lucia Foster Found | Travel expenses (April 2020 - March 2021) | Travel and Subsistence | £90.81 | £0.00 |
| 31/08/2021 | FAR | Lucia Foster Found | Travel expenses (April - August 2021) | Travel and Subsistence | £27.00 | £0.00 |
| | | | | Total (all): | £424.81 | £0.00 |

Payments to be authorised

| Date | Committee | Beneficiary | Description | Category | Total (Inc. VAT) | Unrecoverable VAT |
|------------|-----------|---|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| 04/08/2021 | FAR | Konica Minolta Business Solutions (UK) Ltd | Printer rental (07/09/21 - 06/11/21) | Printing | £76.07 | £0.00 |
| 11/08/2021 | FAR | Henry Squire & Sons Ltd | High security padlock | Miscellaneous Expenditure | £42.29 | £0.00 |

| 14/08/2021 | R&A | Worthy Tree Care | Clearance of fallen limb at Eversley Park | Tree Works | £108.00 | £0.00 |
|------------|-----|------------------------------------|---|------------------------------|---------|-------|
| 02/09/2021 | FAR | Tubbs Hall Management Committee | Hire of the hall for extra ordinary Parish Council meeting | Miscellaneous Expenditure | £10.00 | £0.00 |
| 02/09/2021 | FAR | Tubbs Hall Management Committee | Hire of the hall for Planning & Highways committee meeting and interviews | Miscellaneous Expenditure | £100.00 | £0.00 |
| | | | | Total (all): | £336.36 | £0.00 |

Direct Debits & Standing Orders

| Date | Committee | Beneficiary | Description | Category | Total (Inc. VAT) | Unrecoverable VAT |
|------------|------------|-------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| 02/08/2021 | R&A | Business Waste Ltd | Excess weight charge | Open Space Maintenance | £20.75 | £0.00 |
| 05/08/2021 | FAR (KWCC) | Business Stream | Water supply for Kings Worthy Community Centre | Water rates - Tubbs Hall | £12.00 | £0.00 |
| 10/08/2021 | FAR (KWCC) | XLN Telecom | Phone & Broadband supply | Telephone & Broadband | £87.17 | £0.00 |
| 13/08/2021 | R&A | Business Waste Ltd | Water supply for Eversley Park recreation ground | Water rates - Eversley Park | £13.20 | £0.00 |
| 16/08/2021 | R&A | Business Stream | Emptying of large commercial bin at Eversley Park | Open Space Maintenance | £133.05 | £0.00 |
| 16/08/2021 | FAR (KWCC) | Winchester City Council | Business rates | Business rates | £61.00 | £0.00 |
| 16/08/2021 | FAR | TLC Online | Website support and maintenance services | Website/Email Expenses | £20.00 | £0.00 |
| 17/08/2021 | FAR (KWCC) | Octopus Energy | Electricity & gas charges (1/7/21 - 5/8/21) | Electricity & Gas | £36.04 | £0.00 |
| 17/08/2021 | FAR | Sage Software Ltd | SAGE accounting software | Computer Software | £26.40 | £0.00 |
| 27/08/2021 | R&A | Green Smile | Monthly grounds maintenance contract | Grounds Maintenance | £3,594.00 | £0.00 |
| 31/08/2021 | R&A | Business Waste Ltd | Excess weight charge | Open Space Maintenance | £0.23 | £0.00 |

| Total: £4,003.84 £0.00 | | | | | | £0.00 |
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Remuneration costs

| Date | Committee | Beneficiary | Description | Category | Total (Inc. VAT) | Notes |
|------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|-------|
| 25/08/2021 | FAR | C Read | Salary - August | Employee Wages and Salaries | £1,849.22 | £0.00 |
| 25/08/2021 | FAR | Lucia Foster Found | Salary - August | Employee Wages and Salaries | £1,812.44 | £0.00 |
| 19/09/2021 | FAR | HMRC | National Insurance - August | NI | £832.36 | £0.00 |
| 19/09/2021 | FAR | HMRC | PAYE - August | PAYE | £460.00 | £0.00 |
| 19/09/2021 | FAR | Hampshire County Council | Pensions - August | Pensions | £1,010.27 | £0.00 |
| | | | | Total: | £5,964.29 | £0.00 |

Procurement card payments

| Date | Committee | Beneficiary | Description | Category | Total (Inc. VAT) | Unrecoverable VAT |
|------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|--|------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| 02/08/2021 | FAR | Giffgaff | Monthly Goodybag of data, mins and texts | Miscellaneous Expenditure | £6.00 | £0.00 |
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| 02/08/2021 | FAR | Giffgaff | Top-up of £10.00 | Miscellaneous Expenditure | £10.00 | £0.00 |
| 02/08/2021 | FAR | Stagecoach bus | Bus ticket to Winchester (for fire marshal training) | Travel and Subsistence | £2.85 | £0.00 |
| 02/08/2021 | FAR | Component Shop | Battery charge indicator | Miscellaneous Expenditure | £11.74 | £0.00 |
| 02/08/2021 | FAR | Microsoft | Office 365 subscription | Computer Software | £18.96 | £0.00 |
| 02/08/2021 | FAR | Zoom Video Communications Inc. | Standard Pro subscription | Computer Software | £11.99 | £0.00 |

| 02/08/2021 | FAR | Lloyds Bank | Monthly card charges | Bank Interest & | £6.00 | £0.00 |
|------------|-----|-------------|----------------------|-----------------|--------|-------|
| | | | | Charges | | |
| | | | | Total: | £73.54 | £0.00 |