

# **BROADBRIDGE HEATH PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the FINANCE AND ESTABLISHMENT meeting held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 7.45pm at The Parish Office, Sargent Way, Broadbridge Heath

# **Committee members Present Were:**

Cllr David Trangmar (DT) - Chair Cllr Geoff Clark (GC) Cllr Christine Knight (CK)

Clerk: Lucinda Edwards

Members of the Public: None

Press: None

| F001/23 | PUBLIC SPEAKING   |
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|         | No members of the public were present.  |
| F002/23 | APOLOGIES AND REASON FOR ABSENCE  |
|         | An apology and reason for absence from Cllr Oliver was <b>APPROVED</b> by members.  |
| F003/23 | DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND NOTIFICATION OF CHANGES  |
|         | None  |
| F004/23 | MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS FINANCE AND ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE MEETING   |
|         | It was <b>RESOLVED</b> by all present that the minutes from the Finance and Establishment meeting held on Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> of November 2022 be approved as a true record, with one amendment to the Councillors present – to add Cllr Trangmar.  All <b>AGREED.</b> The chairman signed the minutes. |
|         | It was <b>NOTED</b> that the minutes from the Finance and Establishment Committee meeting dated 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2022 require approval. This will be added to the committee's next meeting's agenda.  |
| F005/23 | CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS – ITEMS OF SUFFICIENT URGENCY FOR INFORMATION ONLY   |
|         | None.   |
| F006/23 | FINANCE REPORT  |
|         | Members <b>NOTED</b> the reports published to the website as below:   |
|         | Summary Income and Expenditure  |
|         | Earmarked Reserves  |
|         | Balance Sheet   |
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An overview of the finances for the financial year to the date of the meeting were given and members **NOTED** the circulated detailed income and expenditure report and nominal ledger.

The use of Earmarked reserves for year to date was reviewed.

It was **AGREED** to utilise EMR Youth and Older People for any overspend on the Age UK Contract for 2022/23.

Coding entry errors were **NOTED** for Streetscene, under Administration rather than Open Spaces, to be rectified via journal.

Coding errors were **NOTED** for Weston Avenue Allotments expenditure, allocated to 150 – WHG, for correction via journal to 155 – Weston Avenue.

No gas utility bill has been received to date due to incorrect provisioning of the meter. It was **AGREED** that an accrual for this should be made if no bill is received prior to year end.

All other budget lines were reviewed and **NOTED.** 

# F007/23 BANK RECONCILIATION

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the bank reconciliation.

As of the reports dated 11<sup>th</sup> January 2023, the following funds are held across the accounts:

Co-op Current Account £112,437.39 Lloyds Bank Account £73,301.56 Nationwide Instant Saver £16,167.99 Nationwide 1 year Saver £53,246.72

There is an amount of £4,231.58 in VAT control, and it was **NOTED** that there will be a Section 106 reimbursement from HDC for expenditure in relation to the second Parish Office S106 application.

This information was **NOTED** by members.

The bank reconciliation reports were signed by Cllr Trangmar.

## F007/23 BANK SIGNATURE MANDATES

The presented forms for authorisation by the bank signatories were **APPROVED** and signed as appropriate.

## F008/23 OFFICER CHARGE CARD

It was **AGREED** to proceed with a Co-op Charge Card for use by the Clerk/RFO and for a limit of £1,000 and for the completed forms to be presented for approval at the February parish council meeting.

## F009/23 SINGLE STREETLIGHT

As the column is not able to be located, it was **AGREED** by members not to proceed with a new contract.

## F010/23 PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS

It was **AGREED** to reduce the advertised 'drop in' hours to one 'Community Engagement' session to be held on a Tuesday between

|         | 10am and 12pm, and for all partner sessions to coincide with this session.    |
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|         | It was <b>AGREED</b> to purchase external signage for placement next to the   |
|         | Parish Office front door, stating the hours the office is generally staffed,  |
|         | and for these hours to only include days/times that 3 members of staff        |
|         | are generally present.  |
| F011/23 | SECTION 106 UPDATE  |
|         | The Clerk updated members on the current unspent S106 reports and             |
|         | the various potential funds.  |
|         | It was <b>AGREED</b> for the Clerk to investigate potential funds that may be |
|         | available for applications by the Village Centre and to report this to the    |
|         | Village Centre accordingly.   |
| F012/22 | DATE OF NEXT MEETING  |
|         | Members NOTED the next meeting of the Finance and Establishment               |
|         | Committee will be on Monday 24th April 2023 – 19:45.                          |

The meeting closed at 21:35.