

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BELBROUGHTON AND FAIRFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 20TH FEBRUARY 2023, 7.30PM VIA VIDEO
CONFERENCE FACILITY**

Present

Parish Councillors

Cllr. Nock
Cllr. Carter
Cllr. Gibbs
Cllr. Mabbett (Chairman)
Cllr. Wilkes

Public

There were no members of the public
in attendance

Clerk: Ruth Mullett

351/23 APOLOGIES

None

352/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. Wilkes and Cllr. Gibbs declared an Other Disclosable Interest on agenda item 11, Fairfield Villa due to their proximity to Fairfield Recreation Ground.

353/23 DISPENSATIONS REQUESTED

Cllr. Wilkes and Cllr. Gibbs requested a dispensation on agenda item 11, and it was unanimously **RESOLVED** to grant these dispensations.

354/23 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 16th January 2023.

355/23 BANK RECONCILIATIONS

An in-depth monthly bank reconciliation had not been carried out but Councillors agreed with the presented figures. The Committee agreed that Cllr. Carter would conduct the next reconciliation procedure for the March Finance Committee under the guidance of the Clerk.

356/23 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

- It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to agree the accounts for payment circulated to all councillors.
- It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to make available a grant of £250.00 to each parish for any Coronation events.
- It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to purchase a Union Jack flag for Fairfield.
- It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to make a Crowdfunding pledge of £500.00 to Fairfield Flicks.

357/23 INVESTMENT UPDATE

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to reinvest the United Bank Trust matured bond of £51,500.00 into an 18-month bond @ 3.15%.

358/23 MAINTENANCE WORK

- It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to order a tree guard for the new Platinum Jubilee tree at Fairfield.
- Due to Nigel Williamson being unable to carry out maintenance duties for the parishes, it was agreed to source a new Maintenance Man on a zero hour, hourly rate contract to carry out maintenance issues in the parishes. Clerk to produce an advert.

359/23 VAS SIGN

Cllr. Gibbs is still sourcing a quote for a mains electricity sign to be installed on the North entry in Fairfield. It was suggested Cllr. Gibbs contact Cllr. Webb as County Council could have better bulk buying power than the Parish Council.

360/23 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 20th March 2023, 7.30pm via Zoom.

361/22 RESOLUTION FOR COUNCIL TO EXCLUDE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

Pursuant to section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the Council unanimously **RESOLVED** that, due to the sensitive nature of the business to be transacted under agenda item 12, Fairfield Villa Lease Negotiations, that the public and members of the press would be asked to leave the meeting during the consideration of this item.

Following a meeting with the Parish Council and Fairfield Villa a number of amendments from Fairfield Villa to our recommendations were presented to the Finance Committee. The following motion was put forward, proposed by Cllr. Wilkes, Seconded by Cllr. Gibbs to be taken to Full Council. *“I propose that the Finance Committee recommend to Full Council that we take no further actions and conditions should not be revised as any change would be detrimental to Fairfield residents”*. Cllr. Mabbett voted in favour and Cllr’s. Nock and Carter voted against. The motion was carried.

The meeting closed at 9.49pm

To be agreed as a true record by the Finance Committee

Signed