

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BELBROUGHTON AND FAIRFIELD PARISH COUNCIL  
FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2022, 7.30PM VIA VIDEO  
CONFERENCE FACILITY**

**Present**

**Parish Councillors**

Cllr. Gibbs  
Cllr. Hood  
Cllr. Mabbett (Chairman)  
Cllr. Morgan  
Cllr. Nock  
Cllr. Wilkes

**Public**

There was 1 member of the public  
in attendance

Acting Clerk: Ruth Mullett

**252/22 APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies received.

**253/22 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.

**254/22 DISPENSATIONS REQUESTED**

Cllr. Wilkes and Cllr. Gibbs requested a dispensation on agenda item 12, and it was unanimously **RESOLVED** to grant these dispensations.

**255/22 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022 with one amendment – 244/22 change the word budget to Precept.

**256/22 BANK RECONCILIATIONS**

Cllr. Nock confirmed he had carried out a bank reconciliation check and agreed Quickbooks reconciled with the HSBC bank statement. Cllr. Morgan agreed to carry out next month's bank reconciliation.

**257/22 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to agree the payments sent to all councillors and to pay these via cheque until the bank account has been resolved. Cllr. Morgan and Cllr. Mabbett to sign the cheques.

A receipt of £1,500.00 grant from Cllr. Webb from her Worcestershire County Council Divisional Fund towards streetlighting upgrades has been received. Councillors asked Clerk to write and thank Cllr. Webb for her grant to the Council.

## **258/22 INVESTMENTS**

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to reinvest the Hampshire Trust Bank Bond for one year at a rate of 1.21%.

## **259/22 STREET LIGHTING**

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to instruct Worcestershire County to commence Phase B and C of the parish lighting upgrades, namely: -

### **B – convert 10 points to LED on existing columns**

Pt 6 High Street

Pt 33 Holy Cross Lane

Pt 39 Yew Tree Avenue

Pt 40 Bradford Lane

Pt 36 Hartle Lane

Pt 18 Woodgate Way

Pt 20 Woodgate Way

Pt 21 Woodgate Way

Pt 30 Woodgate Way

Pt 24 Pepperwood Close

Cost each £250.00, total £2,500.00

### **C – replace 4 of the pole brackets and install LED's**

Col 5 – 37 Holy Cross Lane

Col 17 – 11 Church Hill

Col 4 – Holy Cross Lane

Col 32 – Yew Tree Avenue

Cost £360.00 per unit plus lantern £250.00, total £2,440.00 plus road closure costs

## **260/22 MAINTENANCE WORK**

A tree has fallen in Little Bell Hall Pool and debris from the pool needs removing. It was agreed for Clerk to obtain two quotations for this work, with costings to be agreed at the next Finance Committee Meeting.

## **261/22 MINOR GRANT APPLICATION**

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to allocate £150.00 Minor Grant Application to Belbroughton PCC for maintenance of the church clock. Under Power to provide and maintain public clocks within the Council's area – Parish Councils Act 1957, s.2.

## **262/22 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022, 7.30pm via Zoom.

## **263/22 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.

The questionnaires are in the process of being analysed and the results will be presented to Council as soon as possible. As part of the survey, a public meeting is planned for 7<sup>th</sup> May 2022 in Fairfield Village Hall where residents will have the opportunity to express their ideas about how they wish the community to evolve.

Clerk confirmed we were still awaiting a response from Fairfield Villa as to the proposed one-year extension to the existing lease.

The meeting closed at 8.34pm

To be agreed as a true record by the Finance Committee

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