

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BELBROUGHTON AND FAIRFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 19TH JUNE 2023, 7.30PM VIA VIDEO
CONFERENCE FACILITY**

Present

Parish Councillors

Cllr. Pawley
Cllr. Gibbs
Cllr. Mabbett (Chairman)
Cllr. Wilkes

Public

There were no members of the public
in attendance

Clerk: Ruth Mullett

393/23 APOLOGIES

Due to work commitments Cllr. S Davies has asked to be removed from the Finance Committee for the foreseeable future and this was approved by all Councillors.

394/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

395/23 DISPENSATIONS REQUESTED

None

396/23 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd May 2023.

397/23 BANK RECONCILIATIONS

A thorough monthly bank reconciliation had not been carried out, but Councillors agreed with the figures. The Committee agreed that Cllr. Gibbs would conduct the next reconciliation procedure for the July Finance Committee.

398/23 INTERNAL AUDIT

The report was noted with no recommendations from the Internal Auditor. This will be approved at Full Council.

399/23 ANNUAL GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN 2022/23

This was noted with approval at Full Council.

400/23 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to agree the accounts for payment circulated to all councillors. Cllr. Gibbs and Cllr. Wilkes to authorise the online payments.

Following completion of year-end, it was agreed to place on the next agenda the reinvestment of £25,000.00. Clerk to source a suitable investment.

401/23 MAINTENANCE WORK

- Clerk confirmed the new Maintenance Contractor had now started work and was pleased with his work and communication to date.
- It was agreed for Maintenance to revamp the benches in the Millenium Garden at Fairfield Recreation Ground and then relocate them elsewhere on the Rec, then purchase new ones for the Millenium Garden.
- To place on the next agenda to agree the Maintenance Schedule and associated costs for Fairfield Recreation Ground.
- Cllr. Gibbs kindly offered to get the bench under the tree refurbished with oak from Pepperwood.
- It was agreed to relocate the noticeboard from outside the Post Office to near the pedestrian entrance gate by the play area. Clerk to instruct Lengthsman.

402/23 MAINTENANCE GRANT

Following advice from NALC/CALC Clerk confirmed we do not have any powers to grant any maintenance grant to the Church. Clerk to write and advise them of the decision.

403/23 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 17th July 2023, 7.30pm via Zoom.

The meeting closed at 20.29.

To be agreed as a true record by the Finance Committee

Signed