

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BELBROUGHTON AND FAIRFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 16TH OCTOBER 2023, 7.30PM AT
BELBROUGHTON RECREATION CENTRE**

Present

Parish Councillors

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

Public

There were no members of the public in attendance

Clerk: Ruth Mullett

422/23 APOLOGIES

None.

423/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. Gibbs – disclosable pecuniary interest on agenda item 7 due to proximity to Fairfield Recreation Ground.

Cllr. Wilkes – disclosable pecuniary interest on agenda item 7 due to proximity to Fairfield Recreation Ground and a Housing Needs Survey conducted on land adjacent to the Recreation Ground.

424/23 DISPENSATIONS REQUESTED

Cllr. Gibbs and Cllr. Wilkes were granted a dispensation on item 7 with full voting rights, and this was unanimously agreed.

425/23 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

It was unanimously agreed to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 16th August 2023; Chairman duly signed.

426/23 BANK RECONCILIATIONS

Bank reconciliation scrutinised and agreed by all councillors. The Committee agreed that Cllr's Hardeman and Pawley would conduct the next bank reconciliation for October under the guidance of the Clerk.

427/23 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.
- To confirm receipt of half-yearly precept from Bromsgrove District Council of £35,000.00.

428/23 MAINTENANCE WORK

- Noticeboard for Fairfield Recreation Ground is still outstanding. Clerk to arrange for the noticeboard to be collected from the Lengthsman and maintenance to install.
- Clear the footpaths from the war memorial to the village hall ready for Remembrance Sunday.
- Hedge next to Fairfield Villa to be cut back to allow for easier parking.
- Bus Shelter Swan Lane needs revarnishing.
- Fairfield Recreation Ground grass has been churned-up due to a resident having buildings works done. Chairman to speak to the resident.

429/23 INTERNAL AUDITOR

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to appoint John Benner as Internal Auditor for 23/24.

430/23 ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

- Grants
- CCLA to be invited.
- Tenants update to be a standing agenda item.
- Election of Vice Chairman.

431/23 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 20th November 2023, 7.30pm, at Belbroughton Recreation Centre.

The meeting closed at 20.12.

To be agreed as a true record by the Finance Committee

Signed