

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BELBROUGHTON AND FAIRFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 25TH APRIL 2022, 7.30PM VIA VIDEO
CONFERENCE FACILITY**

Present

Parish Councillors

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

Public

There were no members of the public
in attendance

Acting Clerk: Ruth Mullett

264/22 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr. Morgan and Cllr. Hood and reasons for absence were accepted by the Finance Committee.

265/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. Wilkes and Cllr. Gibbs declared an Other Disclosable Interest on agenda item 10, Fairfield Villa due to their proximity to Fairfield Recreation Ground.

266/22 DISPENSATIONS REQUESTED

Cllr. Wilkes and Cllr. Gibbs requested a dispensation on agenda item 10, and it was unanimously **RESOLVED** to grant these dispensations.

267/22 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 21st March 2022.

268/22 BANK RECONCILIATIONS

Due to councillor absence the bank reconciliation check had not been completed, although councillors present could not see any apparent errors and noted the report as read. Cllr. Wilkes and Cllr. Gibbs agreed to conduct next month's bank reconciliation.

269/22 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

A query was raised as to why the Lengthsman was claiming bank holiday pay, Clerk to investigate and report back to the Finance Committee. It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to agree the rest of the payments sent to all councillors.

To confirm receipt of £1,954.75 Lengthsman Grant from Worcestershire County Council.

To confirm receipt of £35,000.00 half-yearly Precept from Bromsgrove District Council.

270/22 INVESTMENTS

Clerk is in the process of updating all the out-of-date bank mandates for Parish Council investments. As part of the process, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** to remove James Bradley from the bank mandate for the United Trust Bank Bond.

271/22 MAINTENANCE WORK

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to accept the quotation from Acer Trees for the removal of the fallen tree and debris at Bell Hall Pool.

272/22 MINOR GRANT APPLICATION

- It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to allocate £250.00 Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Grant Application to Friends for Lunch (Belbroughton). Under power Local Government Act 1972, s145.
- It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to allocate £50.00 Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Grant Application to Holy Trinity Church, Belbroughton. Under power Local Government Act 1972, s145.
- It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to allocate £40.00 Minor Grant Application to Glynn Ashman for a community event. Under Power Local Government Act 1972, s145.
- An application had been received from Fairfield Village Community for a Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Grant of £500.00. Finance Committee asked that the Fairfield Village Community complete the appropriate Minor Grant Application Form giving an indication of the total cost for the event.
- It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to pay one year’s subscription to the Plunkett Foundation with regards Community Shop/Post Office Working Party. Under power Local Government Act 1972, s139.

273/22 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 16th May 2022, 7.30pm via Zoom.

274/22 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 have been analysed and a summary of the results will be circulated to the Full Council as soon as possible. As part of the survey, a public meeting will be held on 7th 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 8.45pm

To be agreed as a true record by the Finance Committee

Signed