

STURMINSTER NEWTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING held on Thursday 11th April 2024 at 7.15pm in The Council Chamber

Present:

Cllr N Dobson - Chair
Cllr A Donaldson
Cllr C Fraser
Cllr H Lacey

Cllr D Mantock – Vice Chair
Cllr P Marks
Cllr H Reed
Cllr J Rose

In Attendance: K Squire (Town Clerk),
Members of the Public: 0

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| 23/24/306 | PUBLIC SESSION
No questions or comments were made by members of the public |
| 23/24/307 | APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
All members of the committee were present |
| 23/24/308 | DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS
No interests were declared and no written requests for dispensation had been received. |
| 23/24/309 | MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
The minutes of the previous Finance & Personnel Committee meeting held on 25th January 2024, having been circulated and published prior to the meeting, were taken as read and approved for signature by the Committee Chair as a true and correct record.

Cllr Mantock reported that she had done some work on the training policy in preparation for consideration by the new Committee after the May election. |
| 23/24/310 | FINANCIAL MATTERS
i. To approve any payments for invoices over £2000.
No payments over £2000.
Quotes had been received to replace the damaged path at Ricketts Lane recreation ground. As prices of aggregates were due to rise, the Clerk asked permission to go ahead with the best value quote and use funds from the ear marked reserve for this project (327), additional materials for edging would be added to the cost. The Committee resolved that subject to approval of edging costs by the Grounds Manager and the Chair of the Committee, the quote of £6945 plus edging be accepted and work commenced.

ii. Income and Expenditure Report as at 31st March 2024.
The Committee resolved to approve the income and expenditure report as at 31 st March 2024.

iii. Approve Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2024
The Committee resolved to approve the balance sheet as at 31 st March 2024. |
| 22/23/311 | REPORT ON PAYMENTS MADE UNDER DELEGATION BETWEEN 1.1.24 AND 31.3.24
Payments made under delegation had been checked by Cllrs Dobson and Lacey and were approved by the Committee. |



- 22/23/312 **EAR MARKED RESERVES AT 31ST MARCH 2024**
The Committee resolved to approve ear marked reserves report.
- 22/23/313 **TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM CURRENT ACCOUNT TO SAVINGS ACCOUNT**
The Committee resolved to approve the transfer of £100,000 from the current account to the CCLA savings account.
- 22/23/314 **INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS**
Cllr Fraser - reported that a bollard had been installed by Dorset Council near the Emporium to try to stop vehicles mounting the pavement there.
- 22/23/315 **CONFIDENTIAL STAFFING MATTERS**
The Committee resolved to approve the office staff changes proposed by the Clerk. The Committee resolved to approve a temporary arrangement for financial record keeping. A progress report would be made at the next Committee meeting with a review in 6 months.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.03pm

Approved on

25 Jul, 2024

Chairman's Signature

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