

Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on April 28th 2021

Present: Cllrs Tuplin (Chairman), Alexander, Huntingdon, Laxton, Martin, Parkes, Poole, Potter, Smith

The Clerk and Assistant Clerk

Two representatives from Slimming World

1	Apologies For Absence – Cllrs Gadsby and Whittaker
2	Minutes of Last Meeting Dated February 24 th – previously circulated and approved
3	Matters Arising From Previous Minutes (for information only) – none
4	Members' Declaration Of Interest for items on the Agenda – Cllrs Huntingdon and Tuplin – agenda item 5.3
<p>Public Forum: Two representatives from Slimming World addressed the meeting regarding the Parish Council request that banners advertising Slimming World were not permanently displayed around the village.</p> <p>The Parish Councillors confirmed that they support the good work that Slimming World do in promoting a healthier lifestyle but cannot agree to the banners as they are a distraction to motorists.</p>	
5 Property	<p>5.1 Valuation Office – request for information – response agreed</p> <p>5.2 Ex-servicemen's Lease – face to face meeting to be arranged with representatives of the Club committee and Cllrs Tuplin, Alexander and Laxton</p> <p>5.3 Greenfield Lease – referred to Amenities for discussion</p> <p>5.4 Proposal from Cllr Gadsby re: changes to use of buildings – deferred for 12 months</p>
6 Finance	<p>6.1 To note receipt of rates bills – noted</p> <p>6.2 To note that Parish Councils are not eligible for an £8,000 Restart Grant – noted</p> <p>6.3 To note receipt of first half of precept - £78,645.00 – noted</p> <p>6.4 To note receipt of CIL payment - £5,208.54 (from the development at The Bell) – noted</p> <p>6.5 To consider transfer of funds from Co-op Bank to the Public Sector Deposit Fund – it was agreed to recommend to Full Council that £250,000 be transferred and that the Clerk is to transfer future funds in order to maintain a maximum of £85,000 in the Co-op Bank.</p>
7 S137	7.1 Churches Holiday Club – no paperwork received.
8	Notes from Regional Seminar attended by the Clerk and Assistant Clerk – noted. Discussion re data protection and provision of laptops to councillors. The decision on this was deferred for 12 months.
9	To appoint Lead Councillors for: 9.1 Financial Management – Vice Chairman 9.2 Buildings and car parks, including Fire Safety and COSHH – Cllr Laxton
10	To resolve that the press and public be excluded from the meeting because the business to be transacted contains sensitive information – resolved
11	Staffing Matters: Staff proposals for returning to office working were agreed – filed separately. It was agreed to remind staff that any proposed changes to working hours would affect Pension payments in the future.
12	Next meeting – To be confirmed