

STAPLEHURST PARISH COUNCIL

**FINANCE & STRATEGY GROUP MEETING**

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

**7:30pm at Parish Council offices**

**Notes**

**Present:** Cllrs Hotson, Perry and Buller

**1. Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Riordan -

**Non Attendance** Cllrs Eerdekenes and McPhee

**2. Dispensations - NA**

**3. Minutes of previous meeting – agreed unanimously**

**4. Non Councillor member's Policy – see draft attached for discussion**

Following a debate the amendments were made – see attached.

**5. Parish Council AGM – see draft attached for discussion**

Following a discussion agenda agreed.

Seeking preferred committee's / groups and representation

**6. Council consultations programme – see draft attached for discussion**

Following a debate the following was agreed

- Gunning principles to be applied – add to Community Engagement Policy as well.
- Report to council on postal surveys
- Await update on Housing Needs Enabler

**7. Revised Communications Strategy – see draft attached for discussion**

Following a debate it was strongly felt that Council should abide by the national guidance, need further clarity on Social media (social media policy as an appendix?)

Discuss with Chairman about need to be office led

**8. Review of Documents 2023**

Good to have an updated spreadsheet, review regularly

**9. Dates of next meeting**

**Next meeting focus on Finances – 2:30pm and RFO attend**

- Internal Audit Report
- 2022/23 accounts
- Allocation of Reserves
- Revised Communications Strategy