



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Finance and Governance Committee

TUESDAY 26TH September 2023 AT 18:30pm in the LOWER HALL OF THE VILLAGE CENTRE

Attendance: Councillor M Shakeshaft (Chair), Councillor M Thompson, Councillor J Cracknell, Councillor C Sutton-Harris (ex officio).

F&G23.10 Apologies: (ex officio Councillor P Sarre (illness)).

F&G23.11 Declarations of interest - None

Items to receive or note

F&G23.12 Public Participation item –

- a. re.23.17 raised concern over fireworks being set off across a season rather than solely 5th November. Would prefer if where Council is funding these activities it was controlled. preferably agreeing to events on or next to 5th November. Councillor Shakeshaft will consider with Cricket Club and residents views taken into account.
- b. commented that the terms of reference state that the Parish Council will reconcile bank records against the bank statements each quarter but Q2 not provided as yet. Chair noted the gaps with the changeover of Clerk and this would be addressed.
- c. re.23.16 raised concerns over utility usage particularly the water bills which appear excessive and asked whether this being monitored?. Chair explained he had requested a spreadsheet for utilities usage. Utility usage will be reviewed. Resident asked what the bill was for this month, Councillor Shakeshaft to provide.
- d. Re.23.17 asked that the fireworks funding was only agreed for silent fireworks to not affect animals and pets, etc. suggesting it was within the Councils control and could apply specific terms and conditions. This was noted.
- e. asked whether the Parish Council could consider 10 minutes at the end of the meeting as well as the beginning for Council to take queries. Council to consider outside of the meeting in order to review Standing Order and the request.
- f. CIL and s106 spending documents. Request that these were uploaded to the website. Clerk to action.

Items to approve

F&F23.13 Approval of the minutes of the F&G meeting on 13th June 2023. Agreed 4:0

Items to discuss and agree a course of action:

F&G23.14 Grant for the creation of a toilet at the Reynolds field allotment (not to exceed £900). This item was deferred to a future meeting.

F&G23.15 Authorisation for spending up to £70 for a LDC for the VC Air conditioning units: Background be mounted on the wall, due to being in a conservation area. Guidance sought from N&S for planning permission and we do not need any approval or planning permission. Agreement that LDC is all that is required. £63.45 quoted so comes in under budget limit agreed. Proposed Councillor Shakeshaft, Seconded Councillor Cracknell. Agreed 4:0

F&G23.16 Utility Usage monitoring inc gas. electric and water: Spreadsheet submitted to



Committee members, outlining usage at various locations inc Acres, Village Centre, etc. Councillors felt they needed to split Wilsons field costs and also provide monthly and cumulative. Ongoing exercise to build information. Councillor Cracknell agreed to check if Wilsons Field could be managed differently to reduce wastage. Will report back options. Agreed that the Pavilion could do with upgrading but it will be part of s106 work. Action: Councillor Cracknell.

F&G23.17 Consideration of Event Funding Application for Bonfire Night Event: It was considered that this was run by a private business who will generate funds from the sales. If to be funded it was suggested the Council explore how this could address any residents concerns primarily noise and animals, with the event organisers through terms and conditions on funding. Councillor agreed it would also require a funding proposal to be tabled and ideally initial discussion about silent fireworks as these were generally preferred.

F&G23.18 CIL and S106 spend status: PDF SG 20-18 to note the report, although no change since last report

F&G23.19 Items for Future agenda

- g. The 2023-2024 budget status and spend to date.
- h. RFO and committee need to work on a draft of the 2024-2025 budget before the end of October. This will feed into the precept.
- i. Council Risk Assessments – to be looked at and discussed at the next meeting inc Health & Safety. Policy Reviews was on the main meeting agenda.

Meeting ended: 7pm