

## **Minutes of the Finance Committee held on the 10<sup>th</sup> July 2023 in Shepherdswell Village Hall at 1930hrs.**

### **01/2023 Present**

Cllrs J Bulaitis, T Hunt, B Crush, M Elgar, K Roberts, B Stauffer-Kruse, C White and C Tearle (Parish Clerk).

On member of the public.

### **02/2023 Apologies**

None

### **03/2023 Election of Chair**

Cllr T Hunt was nominated and seconded, there being only one nomination was declared elected.

### **04/2023 Election of Vice-Chair**

Cllr B Crush was nominated. Cllr K Roberts was nominated and seconded. Cllr B Crush withdrew his nomination and Cllr K Roberts was declared elected.

### **05/2023 Declarations of Interest**

None

### **06/2023 Minutes of the meeting held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2022**

It was resolved to approve and sign these.

### **07/2023 Parish Clerk`s Report**

- a) The Parish Clerk reported that he had received an FOI request to do with the correspondence relating to the Coldred Pond (2022/23). This has now been dealt with.
- b) Under the Audit Regulations he has had a request from a parishioner for the Exercise of Public Rights (2022/23). A time and place has been determined for the meeting, where the Parish Clerk will be accompanied by the Chair of the Finance Committee.

### **08/2023 Finance**

The committee reviewed the current financial position. Current cash reserves are about £109K and if the budget is accurate would leave about £50k in reserve. There are some items not in this budget which the P/Council has committed to such as the Worknest scheme (£1.5K) and the selection of a new parish clerk (£1K).

Various different potential projects were discussed such as:

1. School Mini- Bus (13K)
2. Coldred Pond (£35K)
3. Cemetery Footpaths (£7K)
4. Village Hall Plumbing (Between £20K and £30K)
5. Play Equipment (£?????)
6. Extending the scout hut to facilitate football/cricket changing facilities (£?????)
7. Possible T42 (£2K)

Between now and the next meeting there needs to be some serious thought about by how much the Precept needs to rise, at the current levels will be insufficient.

### **09/2023 Finance Committee Standing Orders**

Proposed to amend the following Standing Orders (1.14 and 4.5) from £200 to £1000.

### **10/2023 Date of the next Meeting**

This will be on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023 in Shepherdsweil Village Hall at 1900hrs.