

WEST MERSEA TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND STRATEGY COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON THURSDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2022

PRESENT: Councillors: Carl Powling (Mayor)
John Akker
Robert Jenkins
Sophie Weaver
Chris Wood

Minutes prepared by Councillor Chris Wood

POINT OF ORDER: It was put to the meeting the need for appropriate meeting courtesy to be observed, following 'raised voices' on finance topics at the last Council meeting. All attendees agreed to follow this request and appropriate conduct.

22/001/fs **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
To receive apologies for absence and a vote of acceptance to be taken

Apologies were received from the Town Clerk as she was attending to a family emergency.

22/002/fs **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
To receive declarations of interest from members. All Members will be reminded that they must disclose any interests they know they have in items of business on the meeting's agenda and that they must do so at this point on the agenda or as soon as they become aware of the interest. They are also obliged to notify the Monitoring Officer of the interest within 28 days of the meeting, if they have not previously notified about it.

None received.

22/003/fs **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
A period of up to 15 minutes (maximum of 3 minutes per person) for members of the public to ask questions or submit comments about items on the agenda.

No members of the public present.

22/004/fs **FINANCE REPORTS**
To receive finance reports

Finance reports were received.

22/005/fs **APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS**
To approve payments made and to be made

The Committee RESOLVED to approve payments.

Signature _____

Date _____

22/006/fs **BUDGET**
To consider budget for 2023/24

Councillor Jenkins presented an initial draft for discussion of the 2023/24 budget.

22/007/fs **RESERVES**
To approve reserves

22/008/fs **NEXT AGENDA**
Items to be included on the next Agenda

22/010/fs **CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**

- To consider quotation to rewire electric supply for tree lights
- To consider quotations and agree spend to install Christmas lights

The Committee ACCEPTED Holman Electrical Services quotation to rewire the electric supply for the electric supply for the lights.

The Committee AGREED spend to up to £800 install the Christmas lights.

22/011/fs **CHURCHYARD TREE SURVEY**
To consider quotation for Churchyard and Church Green tree survey

The Committee ACCEPTED Ligna Consultancy tree condition survey quotation.

22/012/fs **BIKE RAMP FENCING**
To consider quotations for Bike Ramp fencing

Item deferred.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.30pm.

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Date _____