

CENTRAL SWINDON NORTH PARISH COUNCIL

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held virtually via Zoom on 2 February 2021 at 7.00pm.

Present Cllr K Small (Chair)
Cllr M Lucas (Vice-chair)
Cllr J Ballman
Cllr R Ballman
Cllr P Exell
Cllr S Exell
Cllr S Henderson
Cllr J Rodrigues

Officers A Reeves (Clerk/RFO)
A Briggs (Estates Manager)
J Smart (Head of Finance & Governance)

Also Present Cllr S Thompson
Public None

418. Apologies

No apologies were received.

Cllr S Henderson entered the meeting at 7.02pm

419. Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensation

Cllr J Ballman declared that he is a Trustee of the Hreod Burna Urban Forest and member of the RSPB.

420. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the Finance & General Purposes (F&GP) Committee meeting held on Tuesday 5 January 2021 were reviewed and approved as a correct record of the meeting.

421. Transaction Logs

Members noted that the most recent Transaction Logs had been checked by Cllr S Exell and there were no anomalies to be raised.

422. Budget Report - December 2020

Members noted the summary income and expenditure against budgets report to December 2020, a copy of which appears as Appendix A in the Minute Book.

423. Quarter 3 Budget Review

Members noted the report of the Head of Finance & Governance regarding the quarter three budget review, a copy of which appears as Appendix B in the Minute Book.

424. Ward Allowance

Members considered various request from Members to spend from their Ward Allowances.

RESOLVED to approve all Ward Allowance requests detailed as follows:

1. Cllr S Thompson - £4,500 for a tractor mounted branch shredder for Hreod Burna Urban Forest.
2. Cllr J Ballman - £2,000 for the Pinehurst Fun Day, Covid-19 restrictions permitting.
3. Cllr S Exell - £4,500 plus £4,150.00 from Cllr S Exell's remaining 2019/20 Ward Allowance towards an extra Cricket Wicket at Mannington Rec.
4. Cllr P Baker - £5,000 for the following items (£98 to be contributed from Cllr K Parkers Ward Allowance):

Penhill Drive/Corsham Road Planters	£1,440.00
Corsham Road/Have/Seven Fields Dog Bins	£458.00
Minety Rec Tree Planting	£200.00
Penhill Community Summer Day	£3,000.00
Total	£5,098

5. Cllr J Yeowell – up to £5,000.00 for a bus shelter outside the North Swindon Club on Cheney Manor Road.
6. Cllr K Parker - £98 towards items listed as above. Up to £4,902.00 for a bus shelter opposite St Peter's Church.

425. Fund for Rodbourne Cheney Play Area

Members noted a request from Cllr P Exell to start a fund for a new play area in Rodbourne Cheney. Cllr P Exell request that the remaining £3,086.52 from his 2019/20 Ward Allowance be allocated to start this fund.

RESOLVED to start a fund for a new play area in Rodbourne Cheney and allocate £3,086.52 from Cllr P Exell's 2019-20 Ward Allowance to start this.

426. Storage Containers – Ward Allowance

Members noted the request to retrospectively approve the additional expenditure of £1,380.00 for the purchase of two containers to be used for storage at the Southbrook Recreation ground. The additional expenditure being due to a price increase since the original approval for the purchases.

RESOLVED to retrospectively approve the additional expenditure of £1,380.00 for the purchase of two containers to be sited at Southbrook Recreation ground. Allocation of these funds to be determined at the next Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting following consultation with relevant Ward Members for the Southbrook site. Alternatively, the allocation will come from the current year underspend.

Standby Rate

- 427.** Members noted the proposal of the Clerk, to amend the standby rate (currently set at National Minimum Wage) to a daily rate of £62.37 per day from 1 April 2021, to be reviewed annually in line with inflation.

RESOLVED to amend the standby rate (currently set at National Minimum Wage) to a daily rate of £62.37 per day from 1 April 2021, to be reviewed annually in line with inflation.

The meeting closed at 7.29pm

Signed.....

Date.....

Chair of the Finance & Staffing Committee