



Sedlescombe Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance Executive Committee

held on Tuesday 20th February 2023 at 18:30 in Committee Room 2 of Sedlescombe Village Hall

Present:

Cllr. Pauline Glew (PG)(chair), Cllr Jonathan Vine-Hall (JVH), Cllr. Cllr Keith Saunders.
District & Parish Cllr Beverley Coupar (BC).
Mrs Jackie Scarff (Clerk/RFO)

Public participation session re matters on the Agenda at the Chairman's discretion.

There were no members of public.

End of public participation.

Item	Item (C23.)	
47	To receive and accept Apologies (LGA 1972 s85 (1)) There were no apologies.	
48	Interests in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 and the Council's Code of Conduct To receive councillors' declarations of interest regarding matters on the agenda and consider any written requests for dispensation as a result. There were no interests to declare. To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate. There were no requirements to grant any dispensations. Reminder any changes to register of interests should be notified to the clerk.	
49	To receive questions from members on reports from the District and County Councillors.	
50	To receive the minutes of the previous meeting held on 19th September 2023, to approve these minutes and authorise the chairman to sign them as a correct record. Resolved that the chairman is authorised to sign the minutes held on 19 th September 2023 as a correct record.	
51	If the committee wishes to exclude the public for a particular agenda item, the following resolution must be passed: 'That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 S1(2), the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.' There was no requirement to pass this resolution.	
52	To discuss the car lot site, currently for sale, and agree any actions required. The cllrs agreed that there is an aspiration to buy the lot and there are ideas to be discussed at full council for the usage. It was agreed that the first step would be to get a valuation. Resolved: The clerk was asked to establish a valuation.	
53	To discuss supporting the geese flock in the village and agree any actions required. JVH offered to get some advice from Raystede on introducing geese to an existing flock.. Resolved: The clerk was asked to ask the pub manager if they would like support to increase the flock.	
54	To discuss the Brede Lane toilet and carpark site and agree any actions required. The clerk explained that there was an online meeting between representatives of SPC and officers of RDC, unfortunately the Chief Executive was unable to attend. The officers explained that they were offering a long lease at no cost to SPC, they would like SPC to take on the responsibility and costs asap	

	<p>before the terms of the lease are agreed. There was a meeting with other councils who are also looking at taking on devolved services, but it was agreed at that meeting that it was difficult to get the information required including realistic costs of running the services. Another meeting is planned to include the relevant district cllrs to help with discussions to move the projects forward. The next meeting is to be set.</p> <p>Resolved: The clerk was asked to get a quote from a builder to assess how much will be required to update the facilities by stripping them all out and refitting .</p>	
55	<p>Finance and Audit</p> <p>To receive the monthly statement of accounts to 31st January 2024 for noting. This was circulated ahead of the meeting and noted.</p> <p>To receive the bank reconciliation to 31st January 2024 for noting. The bank reconciliation for Unity Trust bank was circulated before the meeting and it was noted that it reconciles to zero with the balance as at 31st January 2024 showing £61,378.14 held at Unity Trust Bank.</p> <p>To receive a list of payments to be approved. The payments were approved as presented with the addition of the bill of £452.90 for the plumber, Wright Plumbers & Heating who attended to boiler.</p>	
56	<p>To discuss the noticeboard on the side of the village shop and agree any actions required. RC had quoted that the materials would cost £550 and volunteers could do the work. Resolved: The clerk was asked to confirm to RC to go ahead with the repairs.</p>	
57	<p>To discuss the water bill at the sports pavilion and agree any action required. The clerk explained that when the PC took the pavilion back the electricity and gas become the responsibility of the PC but SRFC were due to get a final water meter reading. The bill during the time until 26th July 2023 was only for 18 cubic meters of water. Resolved: the clerk was asked to go back to Castle Water and get a breakdown of the bill.</p>	
58	<p>Reports & Questions To receive reports and questions from Members in brief, including items for next agenda. There were no questions or reports.</p>	