



Slinfold Parish Council

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Minutes of the Finance and Establishment Committee Meeting 11th April 2024 at 6pm

1. Chairman

Councillors **RESOLVED** to elect Nigel Smith as Chairman.

2. Public Session

There were no members of the public present.

3. Attendance and apologies for absence

In attendance: Councillors Pyle, Slipper and Smith

Apologies: Councillor Adrian Roberts which Councillors **RESOLVED** to accept.

Also in attendance: Mike Simpson (Clerk)

4. Declaration of Interests and notification of change to members' interests

There were none.

5. Minutes

To review and approve the minutes from the meeting on 16th January 2024

Councillors **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes as a true and accurate record.

6. Reserves

To review the Council's reserves and bank accounts

Councillors reviewed reserves since its 2-year bond matured and had been transferred from the asset register to cash. Consequently, general reserves were too high so the Council had to consider projects for which funds could be earmarked. A discussion ensued and Councillors believed it would be a good idea to reserve some money for four village gates on the A29 to accompany the TRO application to reduce the speed limit whereupon they **RESOLVED** to allocate £15,000. Councillors also referred to the recent Council decision to reserve £20,000 for potential drainage works on Hayes Lane and that any other proposals could be suggested at the next Council meeting.

7. To discuss the maintenance and management of:

(i) Cherrytree Farm

There was a Cherrytree Committee Meeting the following week at which Councillors would ask if any of the clubs wanted to have a stall at Village Day as well as discuss grass cutting; vegetation to cover the hangar by the football pitch; the Community Shed's request to erect a fence and install storage containers and maintenance of the balancing pond.

(ii) KGV

Residents had requested to use the Mitchell Gardens entrance to access the site as it was a quicker route. The Clerk was checking for any legal agreement as the access was currently restricted to emergency vehicles. The new play equipment had been installed.

8. Policies

To review the following policies:

(i)Grants

Councillors reviewed the grant policy and **AGREED** to recommend it for adoption at the next Council meeting.

(ii)GDPR

Councillors reviewed the draft policy and **RESOLVED** to approve it.

9. **Asset Register 2024**

To review

Councillors reviewed the register and **AGREED** to approve it.

Meeting ended at 7pm