



Downley Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Downley Parish Council Finance Committee held on Friday 2nd December 2022 at 10:00 am

Present: Councillors W Steneskog, P Brooks, M Lazenby and W Monroe-West

In Attendance:

Officers: Giles Tandy (Clerk)

1) Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr K Chandarana.

2) Declarations of Interest

There were none.

3) Minutes

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting held on 7th October be received, approved, adopted and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

4) Public Participation Session

There were no members of the public present.

5) Tree works at School Close & Gosling Grove

The committee considered a resident's request to cut back the growth from a tree in School Close to the degree that the main trunk be visible. While Downley Parish Council arrange for the basic maintenance of the area, this land is the responsibility of Buckinghamshire Council and the Parish council would not authorise this work.

The committee resolved to recommend to council that works be carried out at Gosling Grove to remove trees close to and affecting a block of garages there. Costs would be £700 + VAT with an additional £420 + VAT to remove the stumps.

6) Updates on bin relacements on Downley Common

The committee considered fitting canopies to the existing bins on the Common as a cost-effective solution to the problem of litter being spilled from the bins by wildlife. The clerk was asked to contact the manufacturer to understand the mechanism for opening & emptying the bins and to continue to chase Buckinghamshire Council for their authority to fit canopies.

7) To consider expenditure against budget year to date

The committee reviewed expenditure for the year to date it was noted that reserves were used to cover the cost of the streetlamp replacement programme.

8) Planning for the 2023/2024 budget

The committee considered the forecast budget for the year 2023/2024 basing this largely upon the anticipated spend for 2022/2023. Reserves were taken into account allowing the committee to recommend a budget and precept to put before Council later this month.

9) Date & place of next Meeting

It was RESOLVED that the next meeting of the Finance will be held at the Downley Community Centre on a date to be agreed in January 2023.

10) Closure of the meeting

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

Chairman.....

Date.....