



Downley Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Downley Parish Council Finance Committee held on

Wednesday 18th October 2023 at 09:30 am

Present: Councillors W Steneskog, P Brooks, K Chandarana and M Lazenby

In Attendance:

Officers: Giles Tandy (Clerk)

F23.25 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr W Monroe-West

F23.26 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

There were none.

F23.27 Minutes

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting held on 16th August 2023 be received, approved, adopted and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

F23.28 Public Participation Session

There were no members of the public present.

F23.29 To review income and expenditure year to date against budget

The headline figures were that expenditure for the first half year was £85,401.42 and that this was £7467.60 within the first half year budget of £92,869.02. The Clerk clarified several anomalies with variances to budget. Here, for ease, annual expenditure had been spread evenly over 12 months. Going forward, where possible this will be allocated solely to the month within which it is incurred.

F23.30 To consider the draft budget for 2024/2025

The Committee considered routine forecast expenditure and then went on to consider the funding of other potential projects for consideration:

- i) Replacement/repair of SID/SID's

- ii) Replacement of Jubilee Green noticeboard
- iii) Lighting for Jubilee Green noticeboard
- iv) Pedestrian Crossing for Downley – Capital expenditure and costs of consultation
- v) Repainting and renumbering streetlamps where required
- vi) Green space beside Co-op

F23.31 To consider a request to site a wild garden at Faulkner Way

A resident has approached the Parish Council suggesting that the patch of grass by the alley way to Gosling Grove, which is the responsibility of the Parish Council be converted to a wild garden. KAD our gardening contractors have quoted £470 to prepare and seed the land and it should then require only an annual cut thereby minimising ongoing costs.

The Finance Committee were in favour of using this area as a test bed and agreed that the Clerk should write to the residents that this affects to gain their views before putting the idea before full council.

F23.32 Date and place of next meeting

It was RESOLVED that the next meeting of the Finance will be held at the Downley Community Centre at 09:30 a.m. on Wednesday 29th November 2023

F23.33 Closure of the meeting

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

Chairman.....

Date.....