

## **Sedbergh Parish Council, Finance Committee**

Minutes of Sedbergh Parish Council Finance Committee meeting, held Parish Council office, 72 Main Street, Sedbergh on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2023 at 5.30pm

### **Present:**

Cllrs Lancaster, Capstick, Brooks, Arnold and the Clerk, Miss Hassam

#### **1. Apologies**

All Members were present at the meeting.

#### **2. Declaration of Interests**

There were no declarations of interest for the meeting.

#### **3. Minutes of the Last Meeting held Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2023**

The minutes were agreed and signed, as a true record, by the Chairman Cllr Arnold.

#### **4. Financial Summary and Bank Reconciliation 2023/2024**

The Financial Summary for July 2023 had been circulated to Members and it was resolved that all payments (attached) were recommended for payment. In addition, Members resolved that the Clerk complete the necessary contracts for the Distribution Network Operator for the two new electricity connections required for the EV charging points, total payment £16016.55. The Clerk advised that the Council had received the sum of £151.80 in memory of a former resident, and Members expressed their thanks. The Bank Reconciliation, for July 2023, was checked and found to be correct and signed by Cllrs Brooks and Capstick.

#### **5. Receipts and Payments 2023 – 2024**

The up-to-date financial report for 2023/2024 was circulated for information.

- i) **Savings account process.** Following the previously circulated information in respect of the CCLA (Public Sector Deposit Fund) it was noted that an account had now been opened. It was proposed that an initial sum of (max) £50,000 be transferred to the new savings account – with further funds to be considered in due course. Members will sign the request at Full Council – 10<sup>th</sup> August 2023.

#### **6. Grant Applications**

- i) Community Orchard Group Sedbergh – Members resolved to approve the sum of £300.00.

#### **7. Projects – consider progression/scope funding in respect of improvement proposals at Joss Lane car park and playground - update**

Cllr Arnold hopes to meet/discuss potential options with Westmorland and Furness Council, and update at a future meeting. Any improvements to parking spaces/facilities at Joss Lane and/or the playing field would additionally help with the Council's plans to improve parking via the ongoing Parking Strategy.

#### **8. Online Banking**

- i) Bankline for Communities (NatWest) – Cllr Lancaster has now been formally added to the online account, following receipt of the completed registration form. Cllrs Arnold and Brooks have also now received their registration information. The Clerk hopes to attend various online training sessions in the coming weeks and it is hoped, therefore, that future payments for Sedbergh Parish Council will be made electronically. Dual authorisation remains for all payments with the proposed list presented to Members, each month, as currently.

#### **9. Date of next meeting – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 5.30pm. Members resolved to meet in the Parish Council Office, 72 Main Street, Sedbergh**