



RAYNE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON Monday 10th January 2022

Present:

Councillors	Present	Councillors	Present
Tom Agutter	Yes	Mrs Dawn Pickton	Yes
Michael Eldred	Apologies	Trevor Rippingale	Yes
Mrs Ann Hooks	Yes	Paul Willis (Chair)	Yes
Mrs Grace Meehan	Apologies		

In Attendance: Clerk: Mrs Amanda Brown 0 Members of the Public

AGENDA NO.	BUSINESS	DECISION/ACTION
22/047F	APOLOGIES	
	Apologies were received from Cllr Eldred and Cllr Mrs Meehan.	
22/048F	DECLARATION OF INTERESTS	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Cllr Rippingale declared a non pecuniary interest as line manager for the groundsmen. Cllr Agutter declared a pecuniary interest in any IT matters.	
22/049F	CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 13TH DECEMBER 2021	It was Proposed Cllr Mrs Hooks, Seconded Cllr Rippingale and Agreed to accept the minutes.
22/050F	PUBLIC FORUM	
	There were no public present.	
22/051F	SPENDING	Cllr Pickton Arrived at 19.36
	Substantial bill coming from Ernest Doe for the tractor. This will cover the general service plus the new gear box, but should come within budget when subtracting the VAT which will be claimed back. Street lighting: It has been discussed to change suppliers for a better price but at present with energy prices escalating no other suppliers will take it on.	Clerk to enquire if it is possible to claim on the insurance for the gear box costs. Cllr to put the insurance cover on the cloud. Staying with Npower. The Clerk has been asked to set up customer accounts with Dale Hire and Essex Timber Yard.
22/052F	BUDGET	
	Increased Clerks salary to be paid when rise is announced plus a raise in salary for the new clerk plus the pension has raised the outgoings on salaries more than was budgeted. The Groundsmen are sticking better to their allocated hours and the overtime is reducing.	Some of the increase will come from general reserves rather than adding to the precept. The payment from Eastlight Community Housing Association will cover the extra hours.

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	Consumables spend should not increase and will stay stable.	<p>The Clerk was asked to enquire of the internal auditor how the Eastlight payments should be shown in the accounts.</p> <p>Clerk was asked to create a folder containing all the precept demands and make it available on the cloud.</p>
22/053F	<u>BANK ACCOUNT</u>	
	<p>The name and address on the bank account has been changed.</p> <p>The Bank accounts are looking very healthy, and it is anticipated that projects will be financed this year.</p> <p>It is envisaged to keep the general reserve at 75% precept at £37k and move approx. £20k into earmarked reserves.</p> <p>It was discussed to increase the earmarked reserve for IT</p>	<p>Waiting for acknowledgement to come from Unity Bank of the changes.</p> <p>Monies which were highlighted last February to be moved still need to be processed through the accounts.</p> <p>Decisions will be taken at the February finance meeting.</p>
22/054F	<u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u>	
	<p>Monday 14th February 2022.</p> <p>Please send items for the agenda to the Clerk by Thursday 3rd February 2022.</p>	
21/046F	<u>CLOSURE</u>	
	The meeting closed at 9pm	