

KIDLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Policy and Finance Committee held at Exeter Hall on Thursday 12 May 2022 at 6.30pm

PRESENT: Cllr David Betts (Chairman), Cllr Neil Prestidge, Cllr Alison Street, Cllr Ian Middleton, Cllr David Thurling, Cllr Alan Graham

IN ATTENDANCE: Rachel Faulkner - Clerk to the Council, Alyson Bateman - RFO

APOLOGIES: Cllr David Robey.

DID NOT ATTEND: Cllr Conrad Copeland, Cllr Katharine Tyson

22/PF016 **Declarations of Interest:** None

22/PF017 The minutes of the meeting of 17 March 2022 were approved by the committee and signed by Cllr Betts.

22/PF018 **Finance Reports**

Forecast of Outturn

The provisional outturn which predicts a better than forecast surplus of income over expenditure of £41k was noted by the Committee. Cllr Street emphasised the importance of using the training budget. The Clerk explained that there are courses provided by OALC available to both officers and members and she would ensure all opportunities are widely shared. Cllr Betts enquired about inductions for new councillors. The Clerk confirmed that new councillors were given an induction programme. Councillors agreed to encourage new members to take up training.

Capital and Reserves paper.

It was noted that, as resolved at the March meeting, any balance of the General Reserve above that prescribed by Financial regulations will be transferred to an Earmarked Reserve to support the Orchard Recreation Ground playground renewal and reduce the need to use capital funds.

22/PF019 The S137 application for a grant to support the Cherwell Collective's WISH Jubilee Picnic was approved in the amount of £2,250.

Councillors expressed concern that sponsorship of the event by the Parish Council should not be perceived as support for fellow sponsors.

The request for a Discount on the hire charge by a group wishing to hold a concert in aid of the Ukrainian relief effort was received. It was suggested by Cllr Street that the usual Hire rate of £450 be discounted by £200 to £250 and this was agreed by the Committee.

22/PF020 The Committee received a report by the Clerk proposing extension of the leases held with Kidlington Recreational Trust to 2050. The Council had already approved this proposal in June 2021 but had suggested break clauses were included in the leases.

KRT have indicated that taking out the break clauses will assist them in accessing grant funding and this view is confirmed by our solicitor. Having taken legal advice, it was agreed that the leases would be redrawn without break clauses but would ensure that in the event of the collapse of the Trust, the properties would revert to KPC. New leases would also mark out the Play Areas within the sites that continue to be owned and managed by KPC. The Clerk was asked to ensure that continued rights of access to the allotments were secured.

22/PF021 The KPC response to the CDC PR7a partial review was noted.

21/PF022 The date of next meeting was confirmed as Thursday 16 June 2022 at 6.30pm

The meeting closed at 7.30pm

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