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## **SOHAM TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Soham Town Council Finance & Policy Committee Meeting held at the Walter Gidney Pavilion, Fountain Lane, recreation ground, Soham on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

**Present:** Cllrs D Woricker, G Woodbridge, A Pallett and C Warner.  
M Strand, Town Clerk.

**In attendance:** There were no members of the public present.

The meeting was opened at 10:35am.

### **MINUTES**

**FP17/23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Elizabeth Johnston (work commitments). Cllr Woricker chaired the meeting.

**FP18/23 COUNCILLORS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**FP19/23 APPROVAL OF MINUTES & MATTERS ARISING**

- a) APPROVED unanimously the minutes of the Finance & Policy Committee meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022.

**FP20/23 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- a. NOTED report from Cllr Johnston re: purchase of land. Cllr Pallett asked if the Council would be required to hold a referendum if it wanted to sell assets. This question was noted and will be revisited as required in the future.
- b. APPROVED unanimously purchase of pressure washer, cost up to £239.24 +VAT.

**FP21/23 MOTION TO EXCLUDE**

RESOLVED under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted

**FP22/23 STAFFING MATTERS**

- a. APPROVED to seek advice from ACAS regarding the groundsmen's hours of work and pay and to defer this matter to the next meeting.
- b. APPROVED unanimously to increase the Clerk's hours of work from 20 to 25 per week. The Clerk will work 9am to 1pm four mornings per week in the office and the rest of the hours will be worked at home.

**FP23/23**

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

6<sup>th</sup> February 2023, 10:30am.

The meeting was closed at 10:58am.

Approved and signed 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023.