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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, Soham on Monday 6th November 2023.

Present: Cllrs D Woricker, E. Johnston, A Pallett and G Dyer.

M Strand, Town Clerk.

<u>In attendance</u>: There were no members of the public present.

The meeting was opened at 10:33am.

MINUTES

FP45/23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Woodbridge (work commitments).

FP46/23 COUNCILLORS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

FP47/23 APPROVAL OF MINUTES & MATTERS ARISING

 a. APPROVED unanimously – minutes of the Finance & Policy Committee meeting held on 4th September 2023. Proposed Cllr Pallett, seconded Cllr Dyer.

FP48/23 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a. APPROVED unanimously quotation to cut back Laurels in the cemetery -£1,695.00 +VAT. Proposed Cllr Pallett, seconded Cllr Dyer.
- b. Non-payment of allotment deposits it was AGREED that the £50 deposit would not be waived for anyone wishing to take up or continue with an allotment. Anyone in financial difficulty would be able to pay the deposit in instalments.
- c. APPROVED unanimously opening of Unity Trust Savings Account. Proposed Cllr Pallett, seconded Cllr Dyer.

FP49/23 STAFFING MATTERS

There were no members of the public present.

a. To review staff appraisals and consider and agree pay scale increases. It was APPROVED unanimously to increase staff salaries by 2 pay scale points from 1st December, and to implement the Local Government Association's annual increase (backdated to 1st April 2023). Proposed Cllr Pallett, seconded Cllr Dyer.

FP50/23 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

4th December 2023

The meeting was closed at 10:48am.