

Soham Town Council The Walter Gidney Pavilion Fountain Lane Soham Cambridgeshire CB7 5ED Town Clerk: MJ Strand

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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 5th February 2024.

- Present: Cllrs D Woricker, E. Johnston, A. Pallett and G Dyer. M Strand, Town Clerk.
- In attendance: There were no members of the public present.

The meeting was opened at 10:30am.

MINUTES

- FP56/24APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Cllr Glenn Woodbridge (work commitments).
- FP57/24 COUNCILLORS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None.

FP58/24 APPROVAL OF MINUTES & MATTERS ARISING

 APPROVED unanimously – minutes of the Finance & Policy Committee meeting held on 15th January 2024. Proposed Cllr Johnston, seconded Cllr Dyer.

FP59/24 FINANCIAL MATTERS

a. Agreed to defer to Full Council as the quotation for repairs to the cemetery wall (boundary with Pet Doctor's) came in above the amount this Committee can authorise at £6,311.25 +VAT. It was AGREED in principle and recommended to Full Council that the quotation be accepted. Proposed Cllr Johnston, seconded Cllr Woricker.

FP60/24ADMINISTRATION & GOVERNANCE

a. APPROVED unanimously – to adopt Social Media Policy. Proposed Cllr Pallett, seconded Cllr Johnston.

FP61/24 STAFFING MATTERS

- APPROVED unanimously advertisement & advertising expenditure for the recruitment of an additional grounds person, estimated cost up to £750.00.
 Proposed Cllr Johnston, seconded Cllr Dyer.
- b. To review and approve updated Contracts for all staff members (based on NALC/SLCC Model Contract 2023). Finalised contracts had not been received from the Council's retained HR service; this item was therefore deferred to the next Finance & Policy Committee meeting.

FP62/24 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

4th March 2024

The meeting was closed at 10:42am.