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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 13th May 2024.

Present: Cllrs D Woricker, L Johnston 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

FP01/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Anne Pallett (personal); Cllr Glenn Woodbridge (work commitments).

FP02/24 COUNCILLORS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

FP03/24 APPROVAL OF MINUTES & MATTERS ARISING

- a. APPROVED unanimously – minutes of the Finance & Policy Committee meeting held on 2nd April 2024. Proposed Cllr Johnston, seconded Cllr Dyer.

FP04/24 COMMUNITY MATTERS

- a. None

FP05/24 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a. APPROVED unanimously – cost of leaf blower (replacement for stolen item - insurance claim in progress, £100 excess), cost approximately £300.00 +VAT. Proposed Cllr Dyer, seconded Cllr Johnston.
- b. APPROVED unanimously – cost of additional petrol strimmer, cost £814.00 +VAT. Proposed Cllr Dyer, seconded Cllr Johnston.
- c. To consider and approve monthly playground inspections, cost £120.00 +VAT per month. It was proposed by Cllr Johnston and seconded by Cllr Dyer to set up quarterly inspections if the cost remains at £120.00 +VAT.
- d. APPROVED unanimously – expenditure 7 new trees in the recreation ground, cost £770 +VAT including planting if required. Proposed Cllr Dyer, seconded Cllr Johnston.

FP06/24 STAFFING MATTERS

MOTION TO EXCLUDE – resolved under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, that public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during 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 – Proposed Cllr Johnston, seconded Cllr Dyer.

- a. APPROVED unanimously – to reimburse costs for eye-test of £60.00 and to pay up to £150.00 bi-annually towards the cost of occupational prescription glasses (for PC and laptop work) for members of staff using Display Screen Equipment. Proposed Cllr Dyer, seconded Cllr Johnston.

FP07/24 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

3rd June.

The meeting was closed at 10:42am.