

**Ottery St Mary Town Council**

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Minutes of the **FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING** of **OTTERY ST MARY TOWN COUNCIL** held in thein the Council Offices, the Old Convent, 8 Broad Street, Ottery St Mary EX11 1BZon **THURSDAY, 21ST APRIL 2022 at 10.00am**

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**PRESENT:** Councillor Stewart **(Chair),** Cllrs Grainger, Johns and Giles, Christine McIntyre CEO

*F22/04/01*

**TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr Green.

*F22/04/02*

**TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA AND RECEIPT OF REQUESTS FOR NEW DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS (DPIS) DISPENSATIONS FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

There were none

*F22/04/03*

**IN CONSIDERATION OF THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 (PUBLICITY WOULD BE PREJUDICIAL TO THE PUBLIC INTEREST BY REASON OF THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED): TO AGREE ANY ITEMS TO BE DEALT WITH AFTER THE PUBLIC AND PRESS HAVE BEEN EXCLUDED**

It was agreed that Item 5 would be discussed in Confidential Session due to this being an employment issue and would be taken as the final item at the meeting

*F22/04/04*

**TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF 24TH FEBRUARY 2022**

The Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of 24th February 2022 were approved and signed as a true record of the meeting by the Chair

*F22/04/05*

**S106**

The Chairman advised that David Hemstock S106 Consultant would be preparing a planning application and tender re the proposed MUGA. An e-mail would be sent round by the Chair providing details with the proposed meeting with David Hemstock. Any interested persons would be welcome to attend. A meeting had recently taken place between Paul Arnott – Leader EDDC and Paul Hayward EDDC Cllr, (who was also Clerk of Axminster TC, Chardstock PC and All Saints PC) at the Council Offices at which some councillors and the Dep CEO were present. Various matters were discussed, including S106 issues and difficulties in obtaining information/funding from EDDC. The Chairman was of the opinion that a meeting of Town Mayors/Chairs etc should be convened to have a discussion about the issues some of these parishes were facing (with trying to obtain information/S106 funding from EDDC). The Chairman advised that despite two years of trying (and even making a FOI request to EDDC) the Council was no further forward in ascertaining from EDDC the actual amount of S106 funding available to the Council

*F22/04/06*

**TO RECEIVE COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS RELATING TO FINANCE**

Cllr Johns advised that there were ongoing issues concerning the King`s Reach Play Park involving Bovis and EDDC and the issue of it being a private or community play park. She would report back when she had an update.

**The following item was discussed in Confidential Session**

*F22/04/07*

**SALARY REVIEW**

The request to review the Dep CEO`s salary and the implications on the Council`s finances, was considered in depth. It was **RECOMMENDED** that rather than reviewing this one post, it would be sensible for all three posts (CEO, Dep CEO and the Admin Assistant) be reviewed by South West Councils, which it was understood would be carried out FOC, as a benefit of the Council being a member of the organisation

The Meeting Ended at 11.00am

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