

LEICESTER FOREST EAST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Finance and Policies Committee on Tuesday 16th January 2024, held in the Reg Neal Room of the Parish Hall, Kings Drive, Leicester Forest East, commencing at 7.00pm.

Present: R. Darlison (Chair) P. Kitchen (Vice-Chair) D. Di Palma
C. Wells M. Bozzoni M. Bozzoni

Mrs L-A. H. O'Brien
Mrs H. E. Mann – Clerk to the Parish Council

Fin 24.1 To receive apologies for absence
None.

Fin 24.2 To receive Disclosures of Interest in accordance with the Code of Conduct
Cllr Bozzoni declared an interest in agenda items Fin 24.4 (a) and Fin 24.6 (a).

Fin 24.3 To adjourn the meeting to receive Questions from the Public
None.

Fin 24.4 To confirm the minutes of the Finance and Policies Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 10.01.2023 as a true and accurate record
Resolution: The Committee resolved to accept the minutes of the Finance and Policies Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 10.01.2023 as a true and accurate record.

NOTE: The Clerk explained that agenda item Fin 24.4 had been added to the agenda in error; the December accounts figures form part of the draft budget but there is no need to discuss them as a separate agenda item here, they will be noted at the January Council meeting as normal.

Fin 24.4 To discuss:
(a) the accounts relating to the employment of the Premises Officer
Please see note above.
(b) the accounts not relating to the employment of the Premises Officer
Please see note above.

Fin 24.5 To discuss Reserves
Based on predicted spend to end of March, the general reserves position (as at 31.03.2024) will be £251,848 approximately.

Reserves as at 31.12.2023:
General reserves - £242,571
Parish office alterations – £57,247
Paths around Parish Hall - £25,005
Parks/play area dev - £25,005

Noted.

Fin 24.6 To discuss:
The Clerk reminded the Committee that it cannot make a decision on budget or precept, only to resolve to make a recommendation to Council.

Cllr. Bozzoni declared an interest in agenda item Fin 24.6 (a) and left the room at 7.11pm.

(a) the 2024-2025 budget items relating to the employment of the Premises Officer
Resolution: The Committee resolved to recommend to Council to accept the proposed figures relating to the employment of the Premises Officer for the financial year 2024-2025.

Cllr. Bozzoni re-entered the room at 7.16pm.

(b) the 2024-2025 budget items not relating to the employment of the Premises Officer

The Assistant Clerk ran through the proposed 2024-2025 budget item by item and gave the reasoning behind each figure.

Resolution: The Finance and Policies Committee resolved to propose a budget figure to Council of £230,038 for the financial year 2024-2025.

Fin 24.7 To discuss precept for 2024-2025

Resolution: The Finance and Policies Committee resolved to propose a precept figure to Council of £200,942 for the financial year 2024-2025.

Fin 24.8 Date of next meeting

TBC.

The meeting closed at 8.47pm.

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