

# **ST CUTHBERT (OUT) PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE HELD AT COXLEY MEMORIAL HALL ON WEDNESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2023 AT 7.00PM**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs M Hayden (Chair); M Cooke; J Baker

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Ms M Exton (Parish Clerk), Mr S Davies (RFO)

**01. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN**  
Cllrs Danson and Pettit

**02. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**02.01. PERSONAL** interest: Cllr Cooke – GWS Radio grant application

**02.02.** There were no requests for dispensation for disclosable **PECUNIARY** interests.

**02.03.** There were no requests for dispensation.

**03. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

There were no items for exclusion of the press and public.

**04. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no residents present.

**05. MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY 16TH AUGUST 2023**

**RESOLVED:** To Confirm and sign as correct record the minutes of the Finance & Scrutiny Committee held on Wednesday 16th August 2023.

**06. GRANT APPLICATIONS**

To consider grant applications from the following:

• The United Benefice of Coxley, Henton & Wookey – to assist with the Triangle community newsletter printing costs. **RESOLVED:** to grant £500.

• GWS-Radio – to assist with outreach training and events. **RESOLVED:** to grant £1000.

• Citizens Advice Somerset – towards the running costs of their “on demand” advice service. **RESOLVED:** to grant £1000.

**07. REVIEW CURRENT BUDGET AND SPEND TO DATE (2023/24)**

Cllrs in attendance reviewed the current year’s budget and spend to date (first 6 months) and scrutinise listed. **RESOLVED:** to accept the financial reports issued.

**08. BUDGET 2024/25**

Cllrs considered budget headings and amounts for the annual budget proposals for the Financial Year 2024/25. Proposed budget to be recommended for approval by Full Council in December 2023.

### **09. INVESTMENT STRATEGY**

The Chair updated the Committee on developing a treasury management investment strategy/policy. RFO to research further options with the National Savings and Investments.

### **10. STAFF OVERTIME**

**RESOLVED:** To authorise payment for any overtime worked by the Clerks. Future overtime to be approved by Council Chair, Finance & Scrutiny Chair and Chair of Staffing.

### **11. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

**NOTED:** 13th December 2023.