

**ST CUTHBERT (OUT) PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE FINANCE & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
ON TUESDAY 14TH MARCH 2023, 7PM**

PRESENT: Cllrs M Cooke; E Danson; M Hayden.

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms Michele Exton (Parish Clerk); 2 Members of the Public.

01. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN

Apologies were received from Cllr J Baker.

RESOLVED: To approve the reasons given for Members' absence.

02. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

02.01. Cllr Cooke declared a PERSONAL interest in item 06 (Christ Church Coxley with Godney grant application).

02.02. There were no requests for dispensations 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.

04. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Members of the Public spoke on item 06 for the Citizens Advice Mendip and Christ Church Coxley with Godney grant applications.

05. MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2022

RESOLVED: To confirm and sign as correct record the minutes of the Finance & Scrutiny Committee held on Wednesday 14th December 2022.

06. GRANT APPLICATIONS

The Committee considered grant applications from the following:

- Citizens Advice Mendip.
- Christ Church Coxley with Godney.
- All Angels Church Dinder.

RESOLVED: To approve a grant of £1,000 to Citizens Advice Mendip towards the cost of recruiting, training and equipping volunteers.

RESOLVED: To approve a grant of £400 to Christ Church Coxley with Godney towards the additional costs involved in providing a Warm Space.

RESOLVED: To approve a grant of £200 to All Angels Church Dinder towards grass and hedge maintenance.

07. PRECEPT CATEGORIES

The Clerk reported that a couple of weeks after the Council's Precept charge and listing of expenditure for 2023/24 had been submitted, the District Council requested that the full listing of expenditure was resubmitted as summarized categories which she had done.

08. REVIEW BUDGET AND SPEND TO DATE (2022/23)

The Committee reviewed the 2022/23 budget and spend (first 9 months) and scrutinised listed items. The Clerk highlighted an incorrect cost code entry which she would reassign. The Clerk reported that the VAT Returns for Qtrs 1 to 3 2022/23 had been submitted and refund payments had been received.

RESOLVED: To recommend to Full Council to approve the budget and spend (to include a reassigned cost code entry) for the first 9 months 2022/23.

09. MARKED RESERVES

The Committee reviewed the Council's Marked Reserves and considered the recommendation of the Asset Management Committee 22nd February 2023.

RESOLVED: To recommend to Full Council to approve the Council's Marked Reserves as reviewed and amended by the Finance & Scrutiny Committee 14th March 2023.

10. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

TBC – 7th June 2023 in the Back Meeting Room at Coxley Memorial Hall, BA5 1QZ.