

Wrockwardine Parish Council

Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 22nd February 2023 at 6.00p.m at Admaston House, Admaston

Present: Cllr P Cooper (Committee Chairman)
Cllr K Ballantyne
Cllr G Thomas
Cllr M Vrahimis

In Attendance: 1 Member of the Public (Admaston House Trustee)
Ms J Hancox (Clerk)

23/F9 Welcome

Cllr Cooper was elected to chair the meeting in the absence of the Chairwoman and the Chairman then welcomed everyone to the meeting.

23/F10 Apologies for absence

Cllr E Anderson - Personal

23/F11 Declaration of Interests & Dispensations

- a) Pecuniary – None declared
- b) Personal – None declared

23/F12 Minutes

It was agreed to move the item forward to incorporate the Public Session with Item 23/F14. It was **RESOLVED** to confirm and sign the Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 4th January 2023 as a true record.

23/F13 Public Session

The Committee agreed to incorporate the session at the beginning of Item 23/F14 to allow the Trustee representative to speak and answer questions on the item.

Standing Orders were suspended at 6.06p.m to allow discussion with the Trustee representative

23/F14 Admaston House Grant Application

The outline of the request for grant money from the Parish Council for necessary repair work on Admaston House was discussed.

The Trustee representative answered questions relating to the current financial position of the Trust and the money that may be available to cover the repairs. It was determined that following resolution of some issues relating to work already completed on the renovations the Trust may hold sufficient funds to complete the necessary work.

Standing Orders were reinstated at 6.25p.m

Following a further discussion, the Committee **RESOLVED** to defer a decision to propose approval of any grant money to Full Council until the Trust could confirm its available funds.

[Proposer: Cllr Ballantyne; Seconder: Cllr Vrahimis; Vote: All]

One member of the public left the meeting at 6.29p.m

23/F15 Money to be Spent in Rural Areas

Following a discussion, the Committee asked the Clerk to source and price some waste bins for possible installation at Aston and Charlton bus shelters, and to check whether permission from Highways was required. The Clerk was also asked to get a quote for replacing the back panel on the noticeboard at Aston. These details would then be considered at the next Committee meeting.

23/F16 Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972

It was **RESOLVED** that the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the remaining items of business which were confidential and might disclose exempt information.

23/F17 Grass Cutting Contracts

Details of quotes received from four contractors were debated and the following was **RESOLVED**:

1. To offer The Community Orchard, Long Yard Meadow and Admaston Green to contractor Chris Hughes on the basis of his knowledge and sympathetic understanding of the work required and what the Parish Council was trying to achieve at the sites, for a 12-month period, at a cost of £11,100 inclusive of VAT.
2. To offer Pemberton Road & Walcot Play Areas, St Peter's Church Yard & Cemetery and Wrockwardine Playing Fields to contractor Nobridge Ltd, for a 12-month period, at a cost of £8,870 inclusive of VAT.

23/F18 Date of next meeting

The Committee agreed, dependent on room availability, for the next meeting to be held on either 13th or 14th March 2023 at 6.30p.m at Admaston House.

The meeting closed at 7.06p.m

Signed: E Anderson (Chairwoman)

Date: 13th March 2023