



**Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee
Wednesday 23 June 2021
7.30pm**

Present: Cllrs Ken Peters (Chairman), Graeme Acraman, Barry Barnes, Edna Benger, Paul Berry, Craig Gale, Dave Homer and Roy Margetts.

In Attendance.

G Burt, Clerk to the Council.

85/21 Chairman's Announcements.

The Chairman advised

1. Of the COVID precautions in place.
2. That the meeting was being streamed to the internet.
3. That Cllrs wishing to speak should raise their hand.

86/21 Apologies.

None

87/21 Declaration of Interests and notification of change to members' interests.

Cllr Paul Berry declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in Minute 91/21

88/21 Public Session (Members of the Public may speak for up to 3 minutes at the discretion of the Chairman).

None.

89/21 Minutes.

The minutes of 26 May 2021, previously circulated, were taken as read. On the proposal of Cllr Graeme Acraman seconded by Cllr Barry Barnes, **RESOLVED** that the minutes be approved and signed as a correct record.

90/21 Matters Arising.

None.

Cllr Paul Berry left the meeting.

91/21 To Approve Payments and Note Receipts.

Details of payments totalling £33,870.36 for April 2021 – Appendix A. On the proposal of Cllr Ken Peters, seconded by Cllr Craig Gale, **RESOLVED** that the payments be approved and any receipts noted and published on the Council's website accordingly.

Cllr Paul Berry re-joined the meeting

92/21 To note Bank Reconciliations.

On the proposal of Cllr Ken Peters, seconded by Cllr Graeme Acraman, **RESOLVED** the following Bank Reconciliations be approved. (The corresponding statements were then initialled by Cllr Ken Peters).

Current Account to 31 May 2021	Statement 411 – Appendix B
Business Reserve Account to 31 May 2021	Statement 319 – Appendix B
Bonus Saver Account to 31 May 2021	Statement 94 – Appendix C

93/21 To consider any expenditure recommendations from other Committees over and above current budgetary provision:

- a. Request from Property Committee of 16 June 2021 to meet additional £1,075 works as part of Trim Trail drainage works at Jubilee Fields.
On the proposal of Cllr Barry Barnes, seconded by Cllr Craig Gale **RESOLVED** that the £1,075 be met from CIL accordingly.
- b. Request from Property Committee of 16 June 2021 to engage concrete specialist (as requested by insurer) to investigate issues at Natts Lane skate park, £5,000.
On the proposal of Cllr Dave Homer, seconded by Cllr Graeme Acraman **RESOLVED** that the £5,000 be met from CIL accordingly.

94/21 To consider request for continuation of highway tree planting scheme.

This had been deferred from the previous meeting pending further information. WSCC had now confirmed that the price per tree is £200. WSCC would be responsible for the maintenance, replacement etc of the tree. Previously, the Council had funded 27 trees on the highway totalling £5,000 which it had met from CIL. On the proposal of Cllr Ken Peters, seconded by Cllr Craig Gale **RESOLVED** that the Council seek donations from residents towards further tree planting on the highway, which it will match on a £ for £ basis from CIL, to help mark HM Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022. Residents would, once again, be asked for suggestions for sites.

95/21 To note the latest termly report on youth sessions from SCYP.

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96/21 Any Other Matters for Information Only.

Cllr Paul Berry asked what progress was being made on improving the sound quality of broadcast meetings? Cllr Craig Gale advised that thought was being given to the purchase of table microphones, which would greatly help; these though would then require kit to link them into the laptop. Such kit was not cheap and the Clerk did know someone who wished to sell some second hand equipment. Cllr Roy Margetts commented that there was considerable kit in the Council Chamber cupboard but it was pointed out that this was not suitable to help with broadcasting to those not in the room. Cllr Gale assured members of improvements for the July Council meeting. If additional kit is required, a proposal would be brought to Members; any additional staffing costs would also need to be considered.

97/21 Date of Next Meeting – Wednesday 28 July 2021.

Meeting closed at 7.48pm.

Chairman

Date