

Carlton Parish Council

Minutes for the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 11th April 2023 at 7.30pm at Carlton Methodist Church

Present: Cllrs Taylor, Land, and Quinn.

Attending: H Phillips - Clerk

61. Apologies for Absence

The committee received apologies and reason for absence from Cllr Lowes.

Resolved: That Cllr Lowes apology and reason for absence be accepted and approved.

62. Declarations of Interest

There were no disclosures of personal and prejudicial interests from Councillors on matters to be considered at the meeting.

63. Minutes of Finance Committee Meeting

The committee received the approved minutes from the Finance Committee meeting held on 14th March 2023 for information.

64. Financial Records 2022-23

The committee received the Income and Expenditure and Budget Monitoring reports, and Bank Statements and Reconciliation for consideration up to the 31st March 2023.

Resolved: That the Income and Expenditure, and Budget Monitoring reports, and Bank Statements and Reconciliation up to 31st March 2023 be approved.

65. Savings Bank Account

The committee received a verbal update from the clerk regarding the council's savings account, explaining that Virgin Money, the preferred provider do not have an appropriate savings account specifically for local authorities.

A discussion was held, and it was agreed that Cllr Land further explore account options with Virgin Money to hold the council's EMR funds.

Resolved: That Cllr Land further explore options for a second current account with the current banking facility provider be approved, and that she report to the council on 25th April 2023 to enable consideration.

66. AGAR

The committee received an update from the clerk regarding the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for 2022-23.

The clerk had completed all of the AGAR reports to enable the internal audit to be fulfilled on 20th April 2023 and the council to consider approval of the report at the meeting on 25th April 2023.

Recommendation: That the AGAR reports provided by the clerk be considered for approval.

67. Cemetery and Chapel

- i) The committee received a verbal report from the clerk regarding the progress of the outstanding work, for the chapel roof and memorial correction.

The required chapel roof repairs have been completed by the chosen contractor. The approved repairs to the two memorials are to be completed within the next two weeks; an update will be provided to the Cllrs by email as soon as completed.

- ii) The committee received a verbal update regarding the progression of funding for the cemetery walls repairs.

The clerk had spent some time considering the information relating to the Heritage Lottery Funding and is to continue to pursue this along with additional funding options for the cemetery wall repairs.

Resolved: That the clerk's verbal updates on the cemetery and chapel repair works be noted.

68. Funding and Grants

There were no applications received for community funding.

- 69. Date of next meeting:** - to be confirmed at the council meeting on 25th April 2023, scheduled for June 2023