

Finance, Legal and Administration Committee (FLAC) Minutes

Meeting held at Cottenham Village Hall on Thursday 9th December 2021 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Bolitho (Chair), Collinson, Ward, Young and the RFO

21F/130. Chairman's Introduction and Apologies for absence – Cllr Hewitt (personal) Cllr Hutchison (Absent)

21F/131. To accept Declarations of Interest and Dispensations – None

21F/132. Minutes – Resolution that the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on Thursday 25th November 2021 be signed as a correct record. Proposed Cllr Young and seconded by Cllr Ward. **RESOLVED.**

21F/133. Public Participation – Two members of the public present who had some questions around the budget setting process. The committee explained the process and how the draft budget will go to the full council meeting in January 22. It was also explained how later in the financial year we can make changes within the budget lines, for example if something is under budget the monies can be used for another purpose. One member of the public had some questions about the appointment of the caretaker and the provision of tools/equipment to support the role. The budget line Village Hall Maintenance is likely to be used for this purpose.

21F/134. Budget planning for 2022-2023 –The committee looked at the expected expenditure and expected income across the council. A few amendments were made from the previous meeting, tree works budget was increased from £3000 to £4000 to allow for work at Tenison Manor, the bar stock figure was revised to £3900 which is linked to 50% of bar sales and the income from the recreation ground/village green was reduced to £1500 due to less hire anticipated in the coming year. Resolution to recommend to full council an operations budget of expenses of £438,402 and expected income of £116,547 net £321,855. Based on the tax base of 2,522 this means an overall 3.80% increase from the 21/22 budget - **RESOLVED**

21F/135. For consideration at the next meeting

21F/136. Date of next meeting – TBA

21F/137. Close of meeting – 8.28pm

Signed _____ (Chair) Date _____