

CHANDLER'S FORD PARISH COUNCIL – POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

17 April 2023

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Chairman Cllr Pragnell; Councillors Child, Davies, Duguid, Mrs Broadhurst, Jones and Scott.

In Attendance: Hilary Blaker (Deputy Finance Officer [DFO]).

Public Participation:

There was one member of the public present who enquired about an update to the bus replacement. Whilst the Parish Council had passed a resolution for match-funding at £10,200, there was a need for driver recruitment as well as the local elections and purdah restrictions. It was requested that any comment be limited to 'every reason to be optimistic until after 4 May 2023.

1. APOLOGIES

There were apologies from Cllr Bicknell. Cllr Abraham was not present. Duncan Murray (Parish Clerk) had also sent his apologies.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

3. TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE 23 JANUARY 2023 COMMITTEE MEETING, PREVIOUSLY AGREED AT FULL COUNCIL 30 JANUARY 2023.

Following proposal, seconding and on a show of hands these were ACCEPTED.

4. MATTERS FOR RESOLUTION

a) **To discuss and agree whether to make a grant to the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance charity of £950.00.**

b) **Update on the transition to Unity Trust Bank and from Sage to Scribe.**

The items were discussed individually with the Air Ambulance's Balance Sheet questioned. Following proposal and seconding and on a show of hands the grant was AGREED, with four voting for the grant, two abstaining and one objecting.

A verbal update was given on the move to Unity Trust Bank and delays caused by Mandates needing to align. Cllr Duguid requested that he be kpt as a Barclays BACs authoriser until the Unity Trust Bank transition had been successfully completed.

5. TO NOTE THE FINANCIAL REPORTS:

i. **to NOTE the financial reports for the fourth quarter and first draft year-end (pre-audit and accountants) including the bank reconciliation as at 31 March 2023, and**

ii. **to agree the payments made from the SAGE payment summary, to authorise payments due, to sign cheques.**

The reports were NOTED. The contribution from HCC towards the car park was noted with hopes expressed that it was still followed up on after the Clerk's retirement. Following proposal, seconding and on a show of hands the payments were AGREED.

6. TO MATTERS TO BE TAKEN TO THE COMMITTEE'S NEXT AGENDA.

Item 4b for review as and when appropriate, along with accountancy provision.

7. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The date was confirmed as Monday 31 May 2023, at Fryern Pavilion.

That being all the business the meeting closed at 7.49p.m.

Chairman.....