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|  | **Minutes of the Sproughton Parish Council Meeting held in the Barley Room, Tithe Barn, Lower Street, Wednesday 12th April 2023 at 7:30pm**  **ATTENDEES:** Cllr Davies, Powell, King, and Maxwell. Kirsty Webber (Clerk)  **AGENDA:**   1. **APOLOGIES AND TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ABSCENCES**    1. Cllr Curl 2. **COUNCILLORS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST RELEVANT TO ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA**    1. All councillors declared an interest in the following planning developments: - Chantry Vale, Pigeon, Hopkins Homes & Sproughton Enterprise Park 3. **TO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATIONS OF INTEREST**    1. None Received. 4. **MINUTES**    1. Councillors to consider and approve the minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 8th March 2023.   4.1.1 These were believed to be factually correct. Cllr Powell proposed, Cllr Maxwell seconded all Cllrs agreed to the monthly minutes of the 8th of March 2023.   * 1. Review of actions from previous minutes   4.2.1 All actions complete.   1. **OPENING INCLUDING PUBLIC FORUM**    1. No Public present 2. **ACTIONS & PROJECTS**    1. Ratify decision to approve SALC as internal auditor.   6.1.1 Cllr Powell proposed to approve the use of SALC for our internal audit Cllr Davies seconded all Cllrs agreed.   1. **FINANCE**    1. Monthly Payments – Councillors to consider approval of monthly payments.   7.1.1 Cllr Powell proposed to approve the monthly payments, Cllr Davies seconded, all Cllrs agreed.   * 1. Bank Reconciliation - Councillors to consider approval of monthly bank reconciliation.      1. Cllr Davies proposed to approve the Bank Reconciliations, Cllr King seconded all Cllrs agreed.   2. SIDS- To consider approval of the overspend on the purchase of SIDS.   7.3.1 Cllrs discussed that after the locality grant received from district Cllr Zac Norman of £2000 to purchase a SID. There was a shortfall of £820.00. Cllr Powell proposed to pay the shortfall, Cllr Davies seconded all Cllrs agreed. KW to order SID and order a solar powered compatible post.   * 1. GERB Reduced rate- Councillors to consider approval of a reduced rate for a GERB for a former resident with exceptional circumstances.   7.4.1 Cllrs discussed a request to allow a GERB be issued at a parishioner rate for a former long-term resident. All Cllrs agreed for the GERB be issued at Parishioner rates of £500.00 with the internment fee at £300.00. A BACS payment had previously been received for £1500.00 from the family. Therefore, a BACS payment will be made back to the family for £700.00. (£1500- £800 = £700)  Cllr Powell proposed Cllr Davies seconded all Cllrs agreed. KW to contact family to arrange payment.   * 1. Section 1 Annual Governance Statement and Section 2 Accounting statement of AGAR- Councillors to consider and approve sections.   7.5.1 This item is to be deferred to be added to June agenda after the internal audit has been carried out.   1. **REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND RELEVANT GROUPS**    1. Play area- To discuss current status and next steps regarding the play-area.   8.1.1 Cllrs discussed the ongoing issue with the play area being closed. It was agreed that KW will investigate to see if any insurance company will insure the PC for maintenance insurance. As our current insurer will not insure us due to us not owning the play area and not having a lease. KW to contact Insurers.  Cllrs also agreed that KW obtain a quote for repairs raised from the last inspection to include removal of any apparatus that are deemed unsafe. KW to contact Wicksteed   * 1. Community Shop- Year End balance statement.   8.1.1 Cllrs discussed the year end balance which after the rates received for the year - £575.95. As previously agreed, the debit will be subsidised this year due to the increased electricity rate.   1. **The Council shall resolve to exclude the public and press in order to consider confidential matters.**    1. It was resolved to exclude the public & press to consider legal matters. Cllr Davies proposed, Cllr King seconded all Cllrs agreed. 2. **TO AGREE TIME, DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**    1. Annual Council Meeting Wednesday 10th May 2023 at 7:30pm in the Barley room. 3. **ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**   11.1 Any items to be sent to Clerk.   1. **AOB**   12.1 Cllrs discussed progressing the Village signs.   1. **CLOSE OF MEETING**   12.1 Meeting closed at 20:30pm    Helen Davies  Helen Davies, Chairman, Sproughton Parish Council |  |