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|  | **Minutes of the Sproughton Parish Council Meeting held in the Barley Room, Tithe Barn, Lower Street, Wednesday 13th December 2023 at 7:30pm**  **ATTENDEES:** Cllr king, Maxwell, Curl, Smith, Powell, Barber. Kirsty Webber (Clerk)  **AGENDA:**   1. **APOLOGIES AND TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ABSCENCES**    1. Cllr Jermyn, Davies and Booth 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 meeting held on 8th November 2023.   4.1.1 These are believed to be factually correct. Cllr Smith proposed, Cllr Maxwell seconded all Cllrs agreed to the Parish Council minutes of the 8th of November 2023   * 1. Review of actions from previous minutes   4.2.1 All actions completed.   1. **COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS**    1. No District Cllrs were in attendance. 2. **OPENING INCLUDING PUBLIC FORUM**    1. No public present. 3. **ACTIONS & PROJECTS** 4. **FINANCE**    1. Monthly Payments – Councillors to consider approval of monthly payments.   8.1.1 Cllr Curl proposed to approve the monthly payments, Cllr Powell seconded, all Cllrs agreed.   * 1. Bank Reconciliation - Councillors to consider approval of monthly bank reconciliation.      1. Cllr Powell proposed to approve the Bank Reconciliations, Cllr Maxwell seconded all Cllrs agreed.   2. Budget 24/25– Councillors to consider approval of annual budget.   8.3.1 Cllrs agreed to the draft budget of £75,711.00 subject to revision of the precept numbers by BMSDC. Cllrs also to forward any comments to Kirsty before the next finance meeting for consideration all Cllrs agreed.   * 1. Purchase of Heras fencing- Councillors to confirm the purchase of Heras Fencing.   8.4.1 Cllrs had previously agreed that it was more cost effective to purchase the Heras fencing. All Cllrs agreed to the purchase at a cost of £2610.00.   * 1. Village Gateways – To confirm purchase of gateways.   8.5.1 As discussed at the meeting held on the 8.11.23 a final quote was obtained for the purchase of the gateways and signs £5755.20. These have now been ordered.   * 1. Grant Application- Councillors to consider a grant from Sproughton Primary school.   8.6.1 Councillors discussed a grant application received from Sproughton Primary School to help towards a pray area for the children. The works have been estimated at £2,000, however any donation is welcomed. Unfortunately, the grant was not supported as funds have been used for this period. Cllr Smith proposed Cllr Maxwell seconded all Cllrs agreed.   * 1. Beer Festival Grants- Councillors to consider approval of the proposed grants.   8.7.1  Cllr Curl and Smith abstained from this discussion due to a conflict of interest.  Cllrs discussed the proposed grants:  Sproughton Toddler Group- £400.00  Millennium Green Trust - £1,200.00  Tithe Barn inventory enhancements - £1,433.19  Cllr Powell proposed to approve the grants, Cllr Maxwell seconded all Cllrs agreed.   1. **REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND RELEVANT GROUPS**    1. Playing Field-   **Cllr KIng Asked That The Council shall resolve to exclude the public and press in order to consider confidential matters.** It was resolved to exclude the public & press to consider legal matters. All Cllrs agreed.   1. **TO AGREE TIME, DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**    1. Wednesday 10th January 2024 in the Barley room at 7:30pm. 2. **ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**    1. Standard agenda any other items to be forwarded to Kirsty. Street lighting. 3. **AOB**    1. Cllr Smith updated Cllrs on the millennium green trust and on ideas for fundraising events. 4. **CLOSE OF MEETING**    1. Meeting closed at 20:47pm     Jenni King  Jenni King, Chairman, Sproughton Parish Council |  |
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