

DUNNINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
FINANCE, STRATEGY AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held at the Scouts and Guides Building,
Dunnington on Monday 4th December 2023 at 10.00am**

Present: Cllrs Dykes (Chairman), Cllr Anderson, Cllr Jackson and the Clerk

1 FORMALITIES

a. To receive apologies for absence given in advance of the meeting and consider the approval of reasons given for absence

No apologies for absence were received.

Action - to include consideration of the acceptance of the reasons for absence as an agenda item at the next meeting.

b. To approve the Minutes of the Committee meeting held on the 6th November 2023

It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 6th November 2023 as a true and accurate record, with the addition of a notation to confirm that the village show is the 120th anniversary.

c. To receive any declarations of interest and approve any dispensation requests

It is a requirement in law, Localism Act (2011, s31) that Council members declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interest

None

2 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

To consider whether any agenda item requires the exclusion of the press and public
The committee will resolve to exclude the press and public, from the meeting for any item where the publicity of the matter being prejudicial to the public interest or by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted or for other special reasons

It was RESOLVED to exclude the press and public from item 9a.

Cllr Shaw arrived at the meeting.

3 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Any member of the Parish may speak for up to 5 minutes on any matter on the agenda with the session lasting no more than 20 minutes

None

4 DOUBLE TAXATION

To consider the double taxation request for 24/25.

Following consideration, it was RESOLVED to recommend the completed double taxation claim form for approval to the Parish Council.

5 BUDGET

To consider the current spend for 23/24 and budgetary requirements for 24/25.

Following assessment of the current budget proposal, it was RESOLVED to recommend the document for approval to the Parish Council with the following amendments:

- The playpark budget to be reduced to £5000.
- The allotment group to advise on the rent details for 24/25.
- To look at reinstating the contingency line to £1000
- Additional staffing hours for the current training requirements and a possible role review.
- To increase the grant provision line by £1000.

A discussion took place about calculating the potential costs if the current volunteer pool reduces. Action – Cllr Dykes looking into a village lengthsman role. Parish Clerk to send Cllr Dykes routine grass cutting figures.

6 **STANDING ORDERS**

To consider the draft amended Standing Orders

The item was deferred to the next meeting.

7 **INVESTMENTS**

To consider investment account options.

It was RESOLVED to move £5000 from the instant access savings account into the notice saver account. Cllr Dykes to action.

8 **UNITY BANK**

To consider the unity bank application.

No update was available.

Action: Parish Clerk to chase

9 **FINANCIAL APPROVALS/AUTHORISATION**

a. To receive and consider any quotes for work/services.

It was RESOLVED to approve a quotation of £440 for garden clearance at the allotments under cost code 9002.

b. To consider the payments presented for authorisation.

It was RESOLVED to approve the payments presented for authorisation.

Next Meeting: 2nd January 2023 at 7.30pm in the Tower Room (to be confirmed)

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