



## DRAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

### **Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance and Personnel Committee of Drayton Parish Council held on 26 November 2024 at 7pm in the Caudwell Day Centre**

**Present:** Cllrs Pat Athawes (Chair), Richard Wade and Susan Harris.

**Also, in attendance:** Anita James (Clerk/RFO) Deputy Clerk, Chris Price and Programme Manager, and Jonathon Fowler and three members of the public.

**46/24: To receive and resolve to accept apologies for absence:** All present.

**47/24: To receive any pecuniary and/or non-pecuniary declarations of interest and consider any written dispensations from councillors received by the clerk:** None received.

**48/24: To approve the minutes of the Finance Meeting on the 11 November 2024 as previously circulated.** Minutes approved and signed by the Chair.

#### **49/24: Public Participation**

Three members of the Drayton Chronical Committee, including the Finance Secretary were present and enquired about donation requests for 2022/23 and 2023/24. The 2022/23 request submitted in November 2023 had not been followed up by either the Council or the Chronical.

#### **50/24: To consider the donation request from the Drayton Chronical:**

After a detailed discussion the Council approved a donation of £2,000 for the most recent request for 2023/24. The Council regrettably did not have the budget to cover a back dated donation for 2022/23. The Clerk advised the Chronical team that another donation request for 2024/25 should be sent in and the Council will consider.

#### **51/24: To consider the donation request from Citizens Advice:**

The Council approved a donation of £1,500 to South Oxfordshire & Vale Citizens Advice.

**52/24: To consider the proposal to use CIL from October 23 (£3,125) and possibly some CIL from April 24 (£4,089) to supplement a grant request to TOE to clean and improve filtration in Sutton Wick pond (previously circulated)**

Elaine Wade explained that she had been struggling to obtain quotes, but she had received one quote for £8,000 for filtration of the pond and £1,750 for the clean. Elaine would endeavour to obtain another two quotes and also contact TOE to ask for their advice. The Council agreed to supplement the cost of the works over and above any donation.

**53/24: To consider and approve the budget for 2025/26**

The Clerk went through the 2025/26 budget in detail and the Council approved it.

**54/24: To approve precept request for 2025/26**

The Council approved the 2025/26 precept request of £138,171.00. The Clerk advised that the budget and precept needs to be approved at full council on the 10 December.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm.

Date of Next Meeting 28 January 2025 at 7pm in the Caudwell Day Centre