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BARKHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Finance Committee

**Minutes of meeting of the Barkham Parish Council Finance Committee held on 5th December 2022 in the Parish Office at 10.00am**

**Present:** Mr Langford (in the Chair), Mrs Stubbs, Mr Bundred and Mrs Tims, Clerk to BPC.

**22/125 To receive and consider public questions and comment.**

None

**22/126 Apologies for absence with reason given**

Mr Barker – on holiday

**22/127 Declaration of Members’ interests and requests for dispensation**

All Councillors have been granted a dispensation to be able to discuss the draft budget to assist the Council in setting the precept

**22/128 To approve the minutes from the last Finance Committee Meeting as being a true record of the meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 28th June 2022 were approved and signed as a true record.

**22/129 To receive the latest bank reconciliations and any unplanned expenditure from the RFO**

The bank statements for the accounts and the associated reconciliation documents since the last meeting were reviewed and agreed as correct. The documents were initialled to reflect this by Mrs Stubbs who reviewed them.

There was no unplanned expenditure to report.

**22/130 Reports on matters outstanding and actions arising from the minutes**

None

**22/131 To discuss Grant Applications to be put to full council for consideration in December**

Two grant requests were discussed and amounts were agreed to be proposed to full council for discussion and agreement. Due to the current energy and cost of living crisis, it was felt by the committee that the amount the Link Visiting scheme had requested was not enough to support any additional residents who may need their support, so the committee is proposing to the council the amount be increased.

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| **Payee** | **Amount requested** | **For:** | **Legal power that the grant comes under** | **Finance Committee Proposal to Council** |
| Link Visiting Scheme | £690.00 | To help to continue to be able to provide services | Local Government Act 1972 s.137 | £1000.00 |

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| CRUSE Bereavement Care | £750.00 | To help to continue to be able to provide services | Local Government Act 1972 s.137 | £750.00 |

**22/132 To discuss draft budget figures to be put to full council for consideration in December**

The Finance Committee reviewed the draft budget and agreed amounts to be put to Council in December to consider. The Clerks Salary was raised and this will be discussed at full council during the budget setting process. The Clerk is to send out the pay scale information to the committee for consideration.

**22/133 AOB**

None

**22/134 To set the date of the next meeting**

The next meeting will be held in March/April 2023. The exact date, time and venue to be confirmed.

The meeting closed at 12.35am.