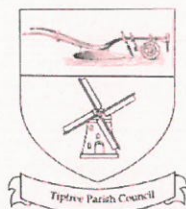


TIPTREE PARISH COUNCIL



MINUTES OF POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

A meeting of the Policy and Finance Committee took place on Tuesday 27 September 2022 at 7.00pm in the Meeting Room at the Community Centre, 1a Caxton Close.

Present: Cllrs Michael Maund (**Chairman**) Colin Bigg
Barbara Wood Mark Woodcraft

Also in attendance – Cllr S Redgewell, the Clerk to the Council and the Deputy Clerk.

- 041/22 **Apologies for Absence** - Cllr Allen-Shepherd, Cllr Birkin and Cllr Webb.
- 042/22 **Declarations of Interests** – There were no declarations of interests.
- 043/22 **Chairman's Remarks** – The Chairman reported that the Clerk was on leave for 1 day on Monday 3 Oct.
- 044/22 **Public Questions** - None.
- 045/22 **Minutes of Meeting** – The minutes of the meeting on Tuesday 16 August 2022 were unanimously **approved** as being an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.
- 046/22 **Meeting Schedule H1 2023:** The proposed schedule of meetings for the first half of 2023 was reviewed by the committee and unanimously **RESOLVED that the schedule be forwarded to full council with the approval of this committee.**
- 047/22 **Solar Panel Bid**– the clerk reported that two contractors had already made contact via the Government Procurement Portal, and would be bidding. With the initial tender already submitted, this provided at least 3 quotes to work from. **The report was received and noted.**
- 048/22 **Birch Wood Sale** - The recent discovery of the Birch Wood being placed for sale by Auction had caused a little concern from nearby residents. The Committee reviewed the auction guide price, discussed possible maintenance fees and determined that the site would be an additional cost that could not be absorbed without significant impact on the Parish precept. It was therefore **Proposed and unanimously agreed that the matter be passed to Full Council with the recommendation that the item not be pursued at auction.**
- 049/22 **Community Centre Pricing Structure:** The committee noted that the Community Centre has not received a price increase for hirers since 2019. COVID and other matters had taken precedence. Recent rises in the cost of living, especially with utilities, had meant that the Centre is now falling behind in

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its cost structure. The committee **proposed and unanimously agreed to review a 2, 4 and 6% increase to hiring rates at the next meeting.**

050/22 **Financial Report:** The Financial report was **reviewed and noted.**

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.29 pm.

Signature.....*Dawson*.....Date.....*25th/22*.....