

**MINUTES OF THE
FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD MONDAY 19TH OCTOBER 2020
6.30PM
VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM VIDEO & TELEPHONE CONFERENCING**

This meeting was held using video and web conferencing software as permitted under the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2020.

Present by video link: Cllr Mr P Williams (in the chair)
Cllrs Mr R Flemming, Mrs D Glenville, Mrs A Hall, Mr K Lynch, Mr M Hall, Mr N Robinson & Mr B Walker

In attendance by audio link: H Thomasson (Principal Officer)
J Perry (Responsible Financial Officer & Deputy Principal Officer)

No members of public

These minutes are subject to approval at the next meeting of this committee

44. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Mr R Hoelmer and Mr R Mayne. Proposed by Cllr Mr Flemming, seconded by Cllr Mrs Hall and agreed by show of hands, it was

RESOLVED - that all apologies be accepted.

45. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest received from Members at this time.

46. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 21ST SEPTEMBER 2020

Minutes of the meeting had been circulated to all Members and were considered. Proposed by Cllr Mr Lynch, seconded by Cllr Mr Walker, it was

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting held 21st September 2020 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

47. MATTERS ARISING

47.1 Hinckley Running Club

Correspondence from Hinckley Running Club had been received and circulated to members. The Magic Run fundraising event had raised over £2600 for the Move Charity supporting people with cancer to move and enjoy life more and thanks were expressed for the support given by the Parish Council in facilitating the event.

48. PUBLIC QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

There were no members of public present.

49. CHRISTMAS TREE PROVISION ON BUSINESS PREMISES

The Principal Officer raised the consideration of supplying the usual lit Christmas trees to participating village business premises without a charge this year as a gesture of goodwill in these difficult times. Proposed by Cllr Mr Williams, seconded by Cllr Mr Flemming it was

RESOLVED - that those businesses who participated last year be offered the usual Christmas tree free of charge this year. Businesses wishing to participate this year who had not taken part last year will be charged £30.00 for the supply.

50. WORKING PARTY & TASK AND FINISH GROUP REPORTS

51.1 Allotments

No meeting of the working party had taken place since the date of the last meeting.

51.2 Cemetery

Minutes of a meeting held on 15th September had been circulated and were considered, with a short report from Cllr Mr Williams regarding the identified TPO tree works required at St Catherine's churchyard. Proposed by Cllr Mrs Hall, seconded by Cllr Mr Flemming, it was

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the Cemetery Working Party meeting held 15th September 2020 be approved.

51.3 Remembrance

Minutes of a meeting held on 7th October 2020 had been circulated and were considered. It was noted that the Covid secure plans for Remembrance had been considered at a meeting of the Coronavirus Sub-committee held 15th October 2020. Minutes of this meeting had been circulated to all members. Cllr Mr Williams reported that a further emergency meeting of the Remembrance Working Party was to take place on Tuesday 20th October. Proposed by Cllr Mr Williams, seconded by Cllr Mr Flemming, it was

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the Remembrance Working Party meeting held 7th October 2020 be approved.

51.4 Volunteer task & finish group

No meeting of the task and finish group had taken place since the date of the last meeting. Members requested that the group arrange a further meeting as soon as possible to move things forward.

51.5 FC Burbage Vision for Colts Close task & finish group

No meeting of the task and finish group had taken place since the date of the last meeting. The Principal Officer confirmed that no minutes from the meeting which had taken place on 16th September were available and requested that the group arrange a further meeting as soon as possible in order to moves things forward.

51.6 Open Spaces Development

Minutes of a meeting held 24th September had been circulated and were considered. A recommendation had been made to install a commemorative plaque for the late Cllr Peter Hall on trees to be planted at Britannia Fields recreation ground as part of the biodiversity project. Proposed by Cllr Mr Williams, seconded by Cllr Mr Walker, it was

RESOLVED - that a commemorative plaque in memory of Cllr Peter Hall would be a most fitting tribute in view of the instrumental part he played in the project and his overall championing of trees. Placement and style of plaque to be considered at a future meeting once the trees have been planted.

The Principal Officer confirmed that a Biodiversity Project update had been circulated to members of the working party for their meeting, a further update would now be circulated to all members.

A further recommendation had been made to consider wording of a consultation questionnaire regarding possible future landscaping and connectivity of Far Lash Open Space. After much discussion, proposed by Cllr Mr Williams, seconded by Mrs Hall, and by show of hands, it was

RESOLVED - that the questionnaire be passed back to the working party for further reflection on wording and visual presentation in light of feedback from the meeting. Prior to any agreement on a final questionnaire, the Principal Officer to establish any covenants and restrictions that may be applicable to Far Lash Open Space and further consideration of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Party in relation to the ridge and furrow implications on the Plan review.

Thanks were to be conveyed to the Open Space Development Working Party for the work they had carried out to date. Proposed by Cllr Mr Williams, seconded by Cllr Mr Robinson, it was

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the meeting held 24th September 2020 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

51.7 Millennium Hall Development

A meeting of the Millennium Hall Development Working Party had taken place on 1st October 2020. Minutes had been circulated and an update was provided by the Principal Officer. Proposed by Cllr Mrs Hall, seconded by Cllr Mr Lynch, it was

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the meeting held 1st October 2020 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

A further meeting was to be arranged as soon as possible to discuss the final account position and agree final defect rectification works.

51. MEMBERS' PROJECT SUGGESTIONS

No project suggestions were made by Members at this time. The Principal Officer confirmed that details would be going out to all members, working parties and task and finish groups very soon to invite project suggestions for the next financial year. Suggestions are to be accompanied by a detailed proposal with costings and should be submitted to the Principal Officer for consideration at the next F&GP meeting on 16th November.

52. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS & BUDGET REPORTS

The following reports had been circulated to all Members:

- A list of accounts paid
- A summary of receipts and payments
- Bank reconciliation with bank statements

Members raised no questions and noted the information contained in the documents, which were visibly inspected by the Chairman and would be signed by him at a later date.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.20pm.