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These are the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee on Wednesday 22nd February 2023 at 7.00pm in the Old School Hall. Members of the press and public are welcome to attend.

MINUTES

1	Apologies for absence – none
2	Minutes of last meeting dated – 30 th November 2022 - approved
3	Matters arising from previous minutes - none
4	Members Declaration of Interest for agenda items – Cllr Tuplin SSLA Fee's
<p>Public Forum: If residents of Sawtry wish to speak on any item on the agenda (max 3 mins) the meeting will be suspended for a 10-minute open forum. If you wish to speak, please inform the Clerk or the Chairman (Cllr Tuplin) at least 24 hours before the meeting. One Member of the public attended.</p>	
5	<p>Property – Lead Councillor – Cllr Potter</p> <p>5.1 Belgrave Square - Sign from Working men's Club to be removed and Parish Council Public Parking sign to be sited – Clerk advised that the sign has now been removed and a new sign will go up showing Parish Council Public Carpark. Will raise item agenda on the next Amenities meeting.</p> <p>5.2 Repair Roof – The Lock up – still awaiting the Heritage go ahead – no further update</p>
6	<p>Financial Report:</p> <p>6.1 Accounts to 31st January – to be circulated – all approved.</p> <p>6.2 Budget – to 31st January – to be circulated – all approved.</p> <p>6.3 Internal Audit Carried out 16th November 2022 – previously circulated – All ok</p>
7	<p>CAPALC – Freeman of the Parish – Update Cllr Tuplin – The Parish Council decided not to go ahead with the plan but to leave the idea open for future – Proposed by Cllr Potter seconded by Cllr Tuplin and all in favour</p>
8	<p>Grant Request – CARESCO Matched Funding for Cave – previously Circulated. Proposed by Cllr Potter and Seconded by Cllr Tuplin and all in favour to accept the matched funding and pass to the Full Council meeting 8th March to approve.</p>
9	<p>Coronation – Meeting 13th February – Update – The next meeting will be held 27th February, and this will finalise the plans.</p> <p>Clerk has contacted The National Lottery for possible funding options.</p>
10	<p>Quote for Drainage work – St Andrews – previously circulated. Passed to next Full Council meeting 8th March to approve.</p>
11	<p>Vibrant Communities Delivery plan – Previously circulated. Possible funding option for the Coronation, also the clerk will look in to costing for repairs to the car park in Belgrave Square and possibility of Electric chargers.</p> <p>The Clerk will look in to all other possible options.</p>
12	<p>Hire Charges rents and fee's review – Hall Hire, Allotments, Cemetery, Bowls Club rent, Garage on the green (rent price agreed previously)</p> <p>Have agreed to increase rates by approx. 5% as no increases for the last 2 years, passed to next Full Council meeting 8th March to approve</p>

13	To resolve that the press and public be excluded from the meeting because the business to be transacted contains sensitive information.
14	Staffing Matters: 14.1 Staffing Committee – Staff appraisals have been carried out – previously circulated to Staffing Committee – Update – The Clerk gave an update from previous Staffing meeting 15 th February, passed to the Next Full Council meeting 8 th March to approve staff salary increases/ increments. 14.2 Replacement Cleaner – Will need to advertise position – Passed to next Full Council meeting 8 th March to approve.
15	Next meeting – 26 th April at 7.30pm

Steve Browning,
Clerk to the Council/Proper Officer

Committee: Chairman – Cllr Tuplin, Vice- Chairman – Cllr Potter, Chair of Committees – Cllr Rose,
Members of Staffing Committee – Cllrs Potter (Chairman), Cllr Gadsby, Cllr White, Cllr Morgan, Cllr Poole