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These are the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee on Wednesday 21st June 2023 at 7.45pm 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 – 26th April 2023 – Previously approved.
3	Matters arising from previous minutes - None
4	Members Declaration of Interest for agenda items - None
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. 2 members of the public attended.	
5	Property – Lead Councillor – Cllr Potter 5.1 Repair Roof – The Lock up – still awaiting the Heritage go ahead. Application has finally come back with another 20-page document to complete. Once permission has been granted due to timescale will need to send out to tender again.
6	Financial Report: 6.1 Accounts to 31 st May – previously circulated and approved. 6.2 Budget – to 31 st May – previously circulated and approved. 6.3 AGAR – Previously circulated and now sent to external auditors. 6.4 2 benches previously agreed at St Judiths – update to be installed. Picnic Table to be sited by the skatepark and a bench to be sited near the footpath at St Judiths. An urgent matter raised earlier from the Greenfield Committee was hire charges from 1 st September, it was agreed as no increase last year, we would increase by Approximately 10% across the board. Proposed by Cllr Tuplin seconded by Cllr Potter and all in Favour.
7	Grant Requests Section 137 – Section 137 of the local government act 1972 – previously circulated. Sawtry Light Factory £150 – previously circulated. Approval proposed by Cllr Morgan and seconded by Cllr Potter and all in favour.
8	Vibrant Community – Mary Poppins dance-along at the Movies – Glass House Dance booked 9 th August– update from the Clerk – Final preparations are nearing completion, Glass House Dance will provide all the advertisement and the equipment, there will be an opportunity to learn key dance moves followed by an interactive showing of the movie. More details to follow shortly.
9	To resolve that the press and public be excluded from the meeting because the business to be transacted contains sensitive information.

10	Staffing Matters: 11.1 Staffing Committee – Staff appraisals 1 st Quarter – to be circulated shortly. 11.2 – Mobile phone contract upgrade for Clerk. The Current mobile phone is not fit for purpose, the clerk has proposed buying a refurbished Samsung phone and using a pay as you go sim – Proposed Cllr Tuplin seconded by Cllr Rose and all in favour.
11	Next meeting – 27th September at 7.30pm

Steve Browning,
Clerk to the Council/Proper Officer

Committee: Chairman – Cllr Tuplin, Vice- Chairman – Cllr Potter, Chair of Committees – Cllr Rose, Cllr Morgan, Cllr Sanderson