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These are the minutes of the of the Finance and General Purposes Committee on Wednesday 27th September 2023 at 7.30pm in the Old School Hall. Members of the press and public are welcome to attend.

MINUTES

1	Apologies for absence – Cllr Sanderson
2	Minutes of last meeting dated – 21 st June 2023 – approved.
3	Matters arising from previous minutes - None
4	Members Declaration of Interest for agenda items – Cllr Tuplin Item 7
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	
5	Property – Lead Councillor – Cllr Potter 5.1 Repair Roof – The Lock up – still awaiting the Planning go ahead – The Parish Council have submitted all the requested information and are still awaiting a decision by planning.
6	Financial Report: 6.1 Accounts to 31 st August – previously circulated and approved. 6.2 Budget – to 31 st August – previously circulated and approved. 6.3 AGAR – Now signed off by external auditors. Approved. 6.4 Consider preparations for budget 2024/25 – noted for information only.
7	Grant Requests Section 137 – Section 137 of the local government act 1972 – previously circulated. CARESCO - £500 Previously circulated – requested further information as blanket funds requested, The Clerk will follow up – proposed Cllr Potter and Seconded by Cllr Morgan and all in favour. Cllr Tuplin Left the room. Sawtry Show Committee - £100 – Previously circulated – Requested £100, Approved £200 to cover full cost, proposed by Cllr Morgan, and seconded by Cllr Rose and all in favour. Cllr Tuplin returned.
8	Vibrant Community – The Time Machine and a Christmas Story – No update yet.
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 – The Clerk advised all appraisals carried out and reviewed by Staffing committee.

	11.2 – Confirm Pay Banding – Approved. 11.3 – Cleaner probation period – The Clerk advised agreed to offer Full term contract. 11.4 – NJC Pay update 2023/24 – Currently there is an open ballot with the Unions due to close 24 th October, The unions will meet again shortly after this date.
11	Next meeting – 22 nd November 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