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These are the minutes of the of the Finance and General Purposes Committee on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2023 at 7.30pm 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 – 27 <sup>th</sup> September 2023 - Approved
3	Matters arising from previous minutes - None
4	Members Declaration of Interest for agenda items - None
<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 – <b>1 Member of the public</b> – Raised concerns regarding the potholes, their Council Tax banding and District Council’s waste collection in the village – Advised to raise these queries with Huntingdon District Council directly.</p>	
5	<p>Property – Lead Councillor – Cllr Potter</p> <p>5.1 Repair Roof – The Lock up – Currently the application is still ongoing, HDC have raised some points, and we will be working through these.</p>
6	<p>Financial Report:</p> <p>6.1 Accounts to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023 – previously circulated – Approved.</p> <p>6.2 Budget – to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023 – previously circulated – Approved.</p> <p>6.3 Financial Report - Budget and forecasted end of year figures – Proposed by Cllr Tuplin seconded by Cllr Morgan and all in favour.</p>
7	<p>Grant Requests Section 137 – Section 137 of the local government act 1972</p> <p>CARESCO Foodbank - £500 Previously circulated – Proposed Cllr Potter and seconded by Councillor Tuplin and all in favour.</p>
8	To resolve that the press and public be excluded from the meeting because the business to be transacted contains sensitive information.
9	<p>Staffing Matters:</p> <p>9.1 – Update from the Clerk – No update, next appraisals due January / February 2024</p>
10	Budget 2024/25 – Budget plan proposed by the Clerk and Precept agreed at £175,904 Proposed by Cllr Tuplin seconded by Cllr Morgan and all in favour.
11	<p>5 Year Plan – to identify Medium to Long term projects.</p> <p>The Clerk advised the main priorities for next year are completing the Greenfield renovations and the drainage at St Andrews cemetery.</p>

	<p><b>Plans identified for long term projects –</b></p> <p>Solar Panels for the Old School Hall.  Defibrillators.  Play equipment for up to 4-year-olds at St Judiths.  Kick Wall at St Judiths  Red Telephone box for defibrillator on Gidding Road.  Electric Van for the Caretakers  Radar Speed signs (possible LHI 24/25 bid)</p>
12	Next meeting – TBC

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