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TO MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL:

These are the minutes of the **MEETING OF THE FULL PARISH COUNCIL** on **Wednesday, 7th February 2024 at 7.30 pm** in the Old School Hall for the purpose of transacting the following business. Members of the Press and Public are invited to attend.

MINUTES

1/24	Apologies for Absence – Cllr Mulcrone, Cllr Morgan, Cllr Martin
	Co-Option – 3 Vacancies. – The Council agreed to Co-opt Grant Fitzgerald and Martin Bhamra Proposed by Cllr Tuplin Seconded by Cllr Gadsby and all in favour – Still 1 vacancy.
	To Approve Minutes Dated - Full Council 13 th December 2023- Approved
	Matters Arising from Previous Minutes (for information only) - None
	Members' Declaration of Interest for items on the agenda: None
Public forum – meeting suspended. 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 you must inform the Clerk or the Chairman at least 24 hours before the meeting.	
2/24	<p>To Receive Reports from Representatives of Outside Bodies:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. District Council – Cllr Martin – Absent 2. District and County Council – Cllr Bywater – Report - <p>CCC are setting their budget at full council next Tuesday. For many years, the joint Administration (Labour, Lib Dems & Independent at CCC) have repeatedly voted against our (Conservative) proposed increases to the highway's budgets, preferring to spend monies elsewhere. Perhaps one day the administration will perform a U-Turn on their war on motorists, as they have this year with their U turn regarding their disastrous "let weeds grow" policy, and their dangerous proposals to cut winter gritting routes, which I campaigned against.</p> <p>In this years budget, the joint administration want to once again impose a maximum Tax increase, they say "to close a budget gap of £37.1m". However, a lot of this is of their own creation. Cost overruns on energy schemes added £9.1m, late delivery meant lost revenue of £11.4m. Another expensive mistake was their campaign to stay in the old Shire Hall, scuppering a commercial deal, (the leader & deputy of CCC have a lot to blame for this in my opinion) costing Taxpayers tens of millions of pounds. Their refusal to continue working with Peterborough CC led to millions spent on increased senior management costs and exit payments to officers.</p> <p>I know residents are tired of the council blaming the weather, the lack of money, and the Government. Residents don't want to pay around £2,000 a household* to hear their excuses; they want action now. This is why the Conservatives opposition at CCC have put forward plans to rescue their insufficient proposals with a £21.716m</p>

	<p>investment into highways. Our detailed analysis of the budget plan has identified unringfenced reserves of £10.716m, sitting idle with no plans for the next five years, future funding commitments not included of £1.5m, overestimated budgets of £6m and capital receipts, surprisingly not included of £11.4m. From almost £30m we propose a steady and prudent drawdown of £21.716m to improve our highways, whilst the remaining £8m can be counted on to reduce any risks.</p> <p>I suspect this budget amendment will be voted down on Tuesday by all the members of the Joint administration.</p> <p>It also looks like all precepting Bodies will be increasing their precepts* by the maximum which isn't good news for council tax payers come April. Fire Authority (up £2 a year), OPCC (NFD) , HDC (£5 +£57.50 green bins) and the Mayor (from £12 to £36) (* Band D property)</p> <p>Kind regards</p> <p>Simon</p>
<p>3/24 4/24 Committees</p>	<p>To Receive the Chairman's Report – Still 1 Councillor short please try and campaign, will need a new chairman of Amenities as Cllr Rose will be stepping down as Chairman, he will be staying on as a Councillor, would like to thank Cllr Rose for all his hard work on the Amenities Committee. I am looking at setting up a site visit at Gailardes on the new industrial site, if everyone is happy for me to set up a visit I will try and arrange.</p> <p>To Receive and In So Far as Required, Ratify Recommendations Contained in The Minutes of The Following Committees (as listed):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Amenities Committee – 24th January 2024 - minutes approved. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.1 Accessibility – update from working Party – Cllr Bingham – we have identified our 1, 3, and 5-year plans, remaining budget this year will be spent on installing the new bench and pathway down by the roundabout as you come in to the village at Green End Road. 1.2 Slimming World Banner – Agree £10 per month for a 3-month trial period – Proposed by Cllr Rose seconded by Cllr Bingham 9 in favour and 3 against. 1.3 Charity Cricket game at Greenfield – Free Hire if Charity details confirmed – to be approved – The Clerk confirmed charity details – Proposed by Cllr Gadsby and seconded by Cllr Whittaker and all in favour. 1.4 Due to constant litter and antisocial behaviour in the Bus Shelter on the Green – Need to approve to remove bench. – The clerk advised the Police are now dealing with the main culprit and have issued a CPN, deferred removing the bench. 2. Community Committee – 4th October 2023 minutes previously circulated and approved. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2.1 Vibrant Community Funding – Creative Arts East – Elvis in Blue Hawaii Friday 22nd March 6.30pm - update from the Clerk. Tickets are now on sale and has been advertised. 3. Finance and General Purposes Committee – 22nd November 2023 Minutes previously circulated and approved.

	<p>4. Planning Committee – 24th January 2024 – Minutes previously circulated.</p> <p>For information purposes only – Middlefield school restricted lines - The formal public notice period ended on 8th January 2024 and no objections were received, so we can now proceed with the scheme, estimated cost £3576 to be funded by the Parish Council.</p>																													
	<p>5. Greenfield Committee – 15th November 2023 – Minutes previously circulated and approved.</p> <p>5.1 Applied for funding from the Football Foundation for the rabbit fencing – Information only.</p> <p>5.2 Important item added to agenda - Need to approve new heating system at Greenfield – previously circulated – proposed by Cllr Sanderson seconded by Cllr Gadsby and all in favour.</p>																													
5/24	<p>Finance:</p> <p>To note net summary of accounts as of 31st December 2023 – circulated. January 2024 to follow.</p> <p>To note bank reconciliation as of 31st December 2023 – circulated. January 2024 to follow.</p> <p>Defibrillators - 2 purchased through the Government match funding scheme – need to agree locations – Proposed St Judiths and Sawtry W.I. awaiting confirmation.</p> <p>Bradgate Grass cutting contracts – to be circulated.</p> <p>Full Village (reduced cuts 18 down to 16) £16484.00 plus VAT £3296.80 TOTAL £19780.80 Greenfield sports field including cricket preparation £7309.00 plus VAT £1461.80 TOTAL £8770.80 Old School House £191.00 plus VAT £38.20 TOTAL £229.20 14 New Grass verges £801.00 plus VAT £160.20 TOTAL £961.20</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Whittaker and seconded by Cllr White and all in favour.</p>																													
6/24	<p>To Approve On-line Payments: Approved all payments proposed by Cllr Gadsby seconded by Cllr Sanderson and all in favour.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="345 1633 1563 1915"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="345 1633 716 1671">Payable to</th> <th data-bbox="716 1633 1057 1671">For</th> <th data-bbox="1057 1633 1219 1671">Net</th> <th data-bbox="1219 1633 1382 1671">VAT</th> <th data-bbox="1382 1633 1563 1671">Gross</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="345 1671 716 1745">Staff</td> <td data-bbox="716 1671 1057 1745">Wages/Salaries for 6 people</td> <td data-bbox="1057 1671 1219 1745">6087.75</td> <td data-bbox="1219 1671 1382 1745">0.00</td> <td data-bbox="1382 1671 1563 1745">6087.75</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="345 1745 716 1787">HMRC Cumbernauld</td> <td data-bbox="716 1745 1057 1787">Tax & NI -</td> <td data-bbox="1057 1745 1219 1787">1980.71</td> <td data-bbox="1219 1745 1382 1787">0.00</td> <td data-bbox="1382 1745 1563 1787">1980.71</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="345 1787 716 1843">LGSS</td> <td data-bbox="716 1787 1057 1843">Pensions –</td> <td data-bbox="1057 1787 1219 1843">1855.74</td> <td data-bbox="1219 1787 1382 1843">0.00</td> <td data-bbox="1382 1787 1563 1843">1855.74</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="345 1843 716 1915">Garfield Builders Ltd</td> <td data-bbox="716 1843 1057 1915">Greenfield renovations</td> <td data-bbox="1057 1843 1219 1915">75000</td> <td data-bbox="1219 1843 1382 1915">15000</td> <td data-bbox="1382 1843 1563 1915">90000</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>					Payable to	For	Net	VAT	Gross	Staff	Wages/Salaries for 6 people	6087.75	0.00	6087.75	HMRC Cumbernauld	Tax & NI -	1980.71	0.00	1980.71	LGSS	Pensions –	1855.74	0.00	1855.74	Garfield Builders Ltd	Greenfield renovations	75000	15000	90000
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	Zurich Insurance	Van Renewal	517.36	62.09	579.45
	Bradgate	Greenfield Cricket (July)	577.50	115.50	693.00
	Computer man	Office renewal	591.00	118.20	709.20
		TOTAL	86610.06	15295.79	101905.85
	Direct Debit payments		NET	VAT	GROSS
	HDC	Rates	73.50	0.00	73.50
	ID	Mobile phone Contract	6.00	0.00	6.00
	Integrity Team	Wi Fi in the Hall	30.00	6.00	36.00
	GCI Network	CCTV contract	45.00	9.00	54.00
	British Gas	School Hall - Elec	135.44	7.13	142.57
	British Gas	School Hall - Gas	667.17	133.43	800.60
	British Gas	37 Green End - Elec	58.28	2.91	61.19
	British Gas	37 Green End – Gas	186.52	9.33	195.85
	British Gas	Greenfield – Elec	232.19	12.33	244.52
		TOTAL	1434.10	180.13	1614.23
		GRAND TOTAL	88044.16	15475.92	103520.08
7/24	Date of Next meetings	Planning Committee – 21 st Feb 2024 Finance and General Purposes Committee – 21 st Feb 2024 Staffing Committee – 28 th Feb 2024 Greenfield Committee – 28 th Feb 2024 Full Council – 10 th April 2024 Community Committee – 17 th April 2024 Amenities Committee – 24 th April 2024			

Steve Browning
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