

CAWTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BUDGET AND FINANCE
COMMITTEE OF CAWTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE MOXON ROOM, CAWTHORNE VILLAGE HALL
WEDNESDAY 13th DECEMBER 2023

Present

Councillors: Cllr M Broadhead, Cllr S Eyre, Cllr S Rusby, Cllr J Wilson (Chair), Cllr J Walker
Clerk: Mrs S M Bashforth

Minute No 1 APPOINT A COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Resolved that Cllr Wilson be appointed chairman for the year 2023/24

Minute No 2 REASON FOR ABSENCE

None. Cllr Rusby arrived late.

Minute No 3 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Cllr Walker declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 10, grants, as he is a member of the village hall management committee.

Minute No 4 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 7th December 2022 be accepted as a true record. They were signed by the chairman.

Minute No 5 CONTRACT FOR GRASS CUTTING AND ASSOCIATED WORK

Resolved that contract with T&D Contractors be continued for another year.

Minute No 6 HEDGE CUTTING IN THE CEMETERY

Resolved that the council continues to engage JMB Tree Services for hedge cutting in the cemetery for another year.

Minute No 7 TREE WORK

Resolved that the council continues to engage Tree-Canopy-Climb for tree work for another year but that if Tree-Canopy Climb cannot do the work within an acceptable time frame, other companies would be considered.

Cllr Rusby arrived

Minute No 8 CARE OF CREMATION PLOTS

Resolved that Ruthie Gardening Maintenance continue to be engaged to care for the cremation plots in the cemetery.

Minute No 9 REVIEW COUNCIL'S ASSETS

The council's assets were reviewed.

Minute No 10 GRANT AID

Resolved that the following grant aid be in the budget
(a) £50 to the Royal British Legion for the poppy wreath
(b) £1000 to the Village Hall.
(d) £2950 unspecified
Total £4000

Minute No 11 DRAFT BUDGET FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2024-25

The Clerk presented the draft budget which was discussed.

Resolved that the amended budget be recommended to full council.

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Minute No 12 RECOMMENDED PRECEPT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2024-25

Resolved to recommend to the council that a precept of £26,000 be set.

Minute No 13 EXCLUDE PUBLIC AND PRESS

None present.

Minute No 14 GARDENING

Resolved that the gardening contract with Kevin Parsons be continued for another year. The Clerk had strived to obtain three quotes. Two quotes were received and considered.

Minute No 15 CLERK'S SALARY AND REMUNERATION

At this point, the Clerk informed the committee that she intends to retire at the end of May 2024. The committee discussed any future Clerk's remuneration.

Suggested that future Clerk's salary be paid in accordance with the National Joint Council for Local Government Services (NJC, also known as the Green Book). Starting salary to be decided. This would be a matter for the staffing committee.

Minute No 16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved that the next meeting be held on Wednesday 11th December 2024 at 10.00am
Other meetings to be arranged as necessary.

There being no further business the chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting.