

Minutes of Calne Without Parish Council Finance Committee

Zoom

Monday 23rd November 2020

Calne Without Councillor Attendance

Present (P) Apologies (A) Did not attend (x)

Jim Cook (Chair)	P	Richard French	P
Katharina Kronig	P	Rob Hislop	A
Ed Jones	P	Alan Malpas	P
Sue Baker	A		

1 Apologies

Apologies received from Cllrs Baker and Hislop

2 Public participation

None

3 Declarations of Interest

None

4 Minutes

Proposed: Cllr Jones

Seconded: Cllr French

Agreed unanimously: **That the Committee approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 28th October 2020 as a true and fair reflection of the motions agreed by the Committee and the discussions that took place and that these be signed by the Chairman as such.**

5 Budget and Precept request for 2021/22

Cllrs discussed the options presented in the paper and discussed options and items within them that could be changed and how the options should be presented to Council. Cllrs identified the Aesthetic budget as capable of being removed from running costs and supported by Sun Edison funding. All future projects should show the likely ongoing cost to the Council as well as capital expenditure so that future increases in precept are identified. Papers for Council to include a "change nothing" option as Option 4.

Proposed: Cllr Jones

Seconded: Cllr French

Agreed unanimously: That subject to explanations of the changes made a revised option 3 with a total running cost budget of £29,682 be put forward as the Finance Committee preferred option when the budget paper is presented to Council on 14th December 2020.

6 Bank Mandates and Credit Card Application – Update

The Clerk reported that the account with the Bath Building Society had successfully been opened and the transfer from Unity Trust Bank would take place once all the paperwork had been received. The Lloyds Bank credit card and bank mandate change has been submitted as had the mandate change for the Nationwide savings account.

7 Other Matters

Cllrs Cook and Malpas, in response to a recent IT issue, raised the possibility of Finance Committee taking on delegated powers to approve spending on some budget heads within set parameters to enable a faster response to problems. Subject to be taken to Council for consideration in December.

Cllr Cook advised members of the Committee that the purchase of an improved O365 licence approved under the playground project to enable the Council to produce an online survey form would have the added benefit of improved capability for the Clerk to store information in the cloud.