

NORTH HINKSEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 21st FEBRUARY 2019, AT 7.15pm, IN THE SEACOURT HALL, BOTLEY.

Present: The Chairman Councillor D. Kay, and Councillors L. Berrett, V. Carr), A. MacKeith and C. Potter, A Pritchard.

Others Present: C A Ryde (Parish Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations made.

3. CONSIDERATION OF THE MONITORING REPORT TO 19th FEBRUARY 2019 FOR THE REVISED BUDGET 2018/2019

Councillors CONSIDERED and COMMENTED on the following monitoring report.

The Clerk referred to a pre-circulated financial spreadsheet showing: the original 18/19 budget estimate, the revised estimate and actual expenditure to date as reconciled in the cash book. He commenting that with the exception of allotment rental income (that had recently been invoiced) all expected income had been banked and that NHPC had a balance of funds of **£22404**. Councillors noted that there were still bills to be paid such as the HMRC quarterly payment and other running expenses but the finances were in good shape as confirmed by the auditor.

VARIANCES EXPLAINED INCLUDED

Salaries: were underspent as the Clerk had not joined the pension scheme

General Admin budget: underspent because there were two £ 1000 underspends ref Legal and Local Gov advice

Telephone costs: were higher as it cost more to install a BT line in the Temp Seacourt Hall office; but as previously reported, NHPC now had a Cloud Phone that could transfer a low cost to the new community hub

Allotments: a PICNIC table was to be purchased for the community orchard

The Nature Reserve: there was a quote for £450 to clear the stream with work yet to be undertaken

Pavilion: Electrical line item higher as vandalised lights were replaced

Playing Fields and open spaces: underspends on Dev costs and Specialist advice and copse maintenance but ongoing planned work was noted.

The Clerk answered Councillors queries and the report was accepted

4. ANY OTHER INFORMATION

5. DATE OF NEXT MEETING Thursday 25th April 2019