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MINUTES of the **F&GP Extraordinary Meeting** held on Thursday 1st December 2022 at 7.00pm in The Library, Hungerford.

Present: Cllrs Winsler, Simpson, Knight, Fyfe and Schlanker. Also, Clerk, RFO.

FGP202200104 Apologies for absence – None

FGP202200105 Declarations of interest – None

FGP202200106 Minutes - To approve and sign the minutes of the F & GP meeting on 16th November 2022

Proposed: Cllr Simpson

Seconded: Cllr Schlanker

Resolution: Minutes were agreed as a true record. One abstention.

FGP202200107 Receive an update on actions – The following actions were outstanding:

ACTION: TORs are being updated.

ACTION: Clerk to produce summary of the grievance policy actions for Mayor.

The Clerk has started the appraisal process. The Heritage project fundraising will be led by the Chamber in order to achieve maximum matched funding. Work to the lampposts has been instructed. An invoice has been received from Castle Water for Church St Public toilets but not yet for the Croft Field.

FGP202200108 Consider all Committee budgets and Precept request for 2023-24 (refer to draft) and propose recommendations for Full Council.

WBC has advised that the central charge for lamppost maintenance is unlikely to drop as the reduction in numbers will be offset by the increase in energy costs. 23 lampposts have been upgraded to LED for adoption by WBC. The Police have warned us not to expect the usual £1,000 donation for our CCTV next year. The office will keep a log of how much it is used by the police. The Clerk advised that the skate park camera is old and may need replacing soon. £6,000 will be put in the flowers budget to cover the cost of watering the tubs. Money in existing EMR (for the rail station) is to be reallocated to an R&A environment budget. After considerable discussion and various adjustments to the spreadsheet,

Proposed: Cllr Schlanker

Seconded: Cllr Simpson

Resolution: Recommend a budget for H&T of £85,371

Next the R&A budget was discussed. £1,000 was agreed for EMR for benches and £3,000 for fences. EMR for play equipment will increase by £10,000. £3,000 will be transferred in from existing EMR (see above) for an Environmental budget.

After discussion and amendment to the spreadsheet,

Proposed: Cllr Simpson

Seconded: Cllr Schlanker

Resolution: Recommend a budget for R&A of £52,461

The F&GP budget was considered.

Proposed: Cllr Winsler

Seconded: Cllr Simpson

Resolution: Recommend a budget for F&GP of £220,450

Total annual budget including income for all committees was considered.

Proposed: Cllr Winser

Seconded: Cllr Simpson

ACTION: **Resolution:** Recommend a total budget for 2023-2024 of £344,691 to Full Council which is a budget increase of 4.97% on this year.

ACTION: Chase the tax base to calculate the band D figure.

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FGP202200109 Consider reallocation of CIL monies for discussion at Full Council

Proposed: Cllr Simpson

Seconded: Cllr Knight

ACTION: **Resolution:** Agree the transfer of £20,000 CIL money to the Croft Field Project.

FGP202200110 **Contractor's renewal terms**

ACTION: Obtain comparisons for mowing of the Triangle Field non-pitch areas based on 12 cuts a year from April to Sept.

Meeting closed 8.40pm