

Minutes of a meeting of the **FINANCE and GENERAL PURPOSES** Committee held in the Council Offices, Pine Grove, Crowborough on Tuesday 25th April 2023 at 7.30pm

Present	Councillors	Peter Bucklitsch Mike Cooke Suzanne Dixon Martyn Garrett Kay Moss David Neeves Neil Waller	Chairman Vice-Chairman
Also present		Caroline Miles Karen Whiley	Town Clerk Responsible Financial Officer (RFO)

*Denotes non attendance

APOLOGIES

None

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on 28th February 2023

- 10086 RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting held on 28th February 2023 as confirmed be ratified by the Chairperson.

FINANCE

To note the committee's current income and expenditure position.

The current Income and Expenditure position was noted.

To note the committee's earmarked reserves and agree any actions

The earmarked reserves was noted.

To note the return of investments.

Members noted the return on the Council's investments.

To approve the Asset register

The RFO asked members to note that the fencing at Owsbury had not been included in the asset register and that this would be rectified. The cost of the fencing was 20k.

It was agreed that that the hoarding around the site at Wolfe should also be included in the asset register as the hoarding had been purchased and should be listed as a whole rather than as individual panels.

Including both sets of fencing will affect the figures currently presented on the AGAR.

- 10087 RESOLVED** to recommend approval of the asset register with the additions as noted to Full Council.

To note the bank reconciliation report

The bank reconciliation report was noted.

To note the PWLB summary as at 31.03.2023

The PWLB summary was noted.

To approve the recommendation of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for 2022/23 to Full Council

- 10088 RESOLVED** to recommend to Full Council that the statements in Section 1 of the Annual Governance Statement have been complied with.

Section 2 of the return to be amended to reflect the inclusion of the costs of the fencing at Owsbury and Wolfe.

- 10089 RESOLVED** to approve Section 2, as amended, and recommend the draft Annual Governance and Accountability Return to Full Council.

To review the following policies and agree further action

Risk Management Policy

- 10090 RESOLVED** to recommend the approval of the risk management policy to Full Council.

Reserves Policy

- 10091 RESOLVED** to accept the Reserves Policy as presented.

EXEMPT BUSINESS

- 10092 RESOLVED** that pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 that the public and press be excluded from the meeting on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reasons of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

Cllr Dave Neeves declared an interest in one of the debtors as a member of the club noted.

To note the confidential aged debt report

The report was noted.

URGENT MATTERS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRMAN FOR NOTING AND/OR INCLUSION ON A FUTURE AGENDA

The meeting closed at hrs. 19:46hrs