

**REDBOURN PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Finance & Policy Committee held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 7.30pm, a remote meeting as per the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus)(Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs S Kidd (Chair), D Mitchell (V Chair), S Vegro, D Fenton and I Caldwell

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Chris Kenny (Clerk)

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr V Mead (health)

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr V Mead Redbourn in Bloom (CM), Redbourn Youth Club (CM), District Councillor, Active in Redbourn (M)

Cllr I Caldwell Redbourn Online

Cllr P Schofield Redbourn Bowls Club (CM), Redbourn Recreation Centre and Playing Fields Trust, (T) Redbourn Youth Club (CM), Active in Redbourn (M) Redbourn in Bloom (CM)

Cllr S Kidd Redbourn Village Hall (CM), Redbourn Youth Club (CM)

Cllr Mitchell District Councillor, Redbourn Care Group (M)

Cllr Vegro Active in Redbourn (CM)

**3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

It was proposed by the Chair and resolved that:

*The minutes of the Finance and Policy Committee meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2021 are signed as a true record of the meeting.*

**4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA**

Nothing to report

**5. MATTERS TO REPORT**

Clerk – Code of Conduct

**6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Representatives of Redbourn Care Group

**7. GRANT APPLICATIONS**

To consider a grant application received from:

**Redbourn Care Group**

Councillors considered the application received from Redbourn Care Group asking for £5K

It was proposed by the Chair and resolved that:

***RPC grant £5,000 which will contribute to the operational costs of running Redbourn Care Group including the funding of the minibus. This is granted under power LGRA 1997 s26-29***

**ACTION:** Clerk to separate the payments for the Care Group and Coronavirus Volunteer Group.

### **Redbourn in Bloom**

Cllr Schofield declared an interest in this item.

RiB have requested £6K which is more than usual as they have to fund two replacement planters – one by the bridge at the entrance of the village and the other at Hemel Hempstead Road entrance. It is not possible for one to be done this year and then the other the following year as they are both extremely rotten. During the pandemic this year, they have not been able to run the fund raising events as usual and as a result, reserves are lower than normal.

It was proposed, seconded and resolved that:

***RPC grant £5,000 towards the cost of refurbishing 2 large planters along with purchasing plants and maintenance of plants for 30 planters, beds, tubs and hanging baskets under power LGA 1972 s144***

## **8. FINANCIAL POSITION**

### **8.1 Current financial position against budget to date**

The Clerk presented the latest income and expenditure report.

It was proposed by the Chair and resolved that:

***The Income and Expenditure report dated 19<sup>th</sup> March 20201 reflecting accounts reconciled to the end of March 2021 be received***

### **8.2 Investments**

There were not updates to report.

### **8.3 Reconciliation**

The Clerk presented Cllrs with the reconciliation report for Cash Book 1 (Current Account) and corresponding bank statements for November 2020, January 2021 and February 2021.

It was proposed by the Chair and resolved that:

***The reconciliation report and supporting bank statement  
demonstrating reconciled accounts be received for November  
2020, January 2021 and February 2021***

**9. RENEWAL OF ILL HEALTH LIABILITY INSURANCE POLICY**

To consider renewing the IHL insurance policy for 2021-22

This insurance covers the Council for any costs incurred if an employee takes early retirement due to ill health.

It was proposed by the Chair and resolved that:

***The Ill health Liability Insurance Policy be renewed for 2021-22 at a cost of £861***

**10. MATTERS TO REPORT**

Code of Conduct – the Clerk informed Cllrs that the LGA have produced a new model code of Conduct which we will need to adopt. It was agreed that all Councillors should attend training.

**11. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Date of the next meeting 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021, 7.30pm as a virtual meeting

The meeting closed at 8.11pm.

Chairman.....Date.....