



## Oulton Broad Parish Council

### Finance Committee Minutes

The Pavilion

5.30pm Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2024

**Present:** Councillors Benvenuto Falat (Chairman), Christine Ashdown, Sandie Keller, and Brian Keller.

**Also, in attendance:** Michaela McGoun (Clerk)

#### **F1. Welcome:**

#### **F2. Announcement on Reporting:**

Councillors and members of the public will be reminded that in the interests of openness and transparency, the law permits filming, recording or other means of reporting of meetings.

#### **F3. To receive and consider acceptance of apologies for absence:**

No apologies received. Cllr. Cannon has resigned as a Councillor.  
Cllrs. Bromley and Munro did not attend.

#### **F4. Declarations of Interest and dispensations:**

F5.1 To receive Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary interests from councillors on items on the agenda.

F5.2 To receive and consider written requests for dispensations for Disclosable Pecuniary Interests. NONE RECEIVED

F5.3 To note any dispensations previously granted.

#### **F5. To agree the minutes from the previous finance meeting 15<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

Proposed by Cllr. B Keller, seconded by Cllr. Ashdown, all in favour.

#### **5.1 Matters arising**

None

#### **F6. Public Forum:**

An opportunity for members of the public to make comments on any matters on this agenda.

Cllr. Keller queried why the Council had agreed on a precept increase of 5.9% and the notices have recorded a rise of 6.3%, the error was due to the wrong figure being used in the calculation for the previous Band D. At the budget meeting it was suggested by the County Councillors to raise the precept up to 10%. A large increase of a small amount is negligible. Clerk asked for permission to spend £14.20 on replacement handlebar grips for the bike in the adult gym. This was agreed.

**F7. To note the balance on accounts**

OBPC General Account £7,128.19

OBPC Savings / Reserves £275,225.62

**F8. To note the bank reconciliation for February 2024:**

Noted.

**F9. To approve the income and expenditure for March 2024.**

<b>Monthly</b>		
<b>MC Cleaning</b>	<b>Office / pavilion Clean</b>	<b>£162.00</b>
<b>Norfolk Copiers</b>	<b>Copy costs</b>	<b>£22.45</b>
<b>EDF</b>	<b>Bowls Pavilion</b>	<b>£192.27</b>
<b>ADHOC</b>		
<b>EDF</b>	<b>Yacht Quay Lavatory</b>	<b>£</b>
		<b>4,600.29</b>
<b>Marineserv</b>	<b>Replace broken tie up</b>	<b>£</b>
		<b>339.60</b>
<b>East Suffolk Services</b>	<b>Replace toilet dispenser &amp; clear drains</b>	<b>£</b>
		<b>149.40</b>
<b>Aldi Stores</b>	<b>Easter eggs for E &amp; T event</b>	<b>£</b>
		<b>250.00</b>
		<b>£5,716.01</b>
<b>Income</b>		
<b>S Petty</b>		<b>£60.00</b>
<b>Bank Interest</b>		<b>£1,089.27</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£1,149.27</b>

**Proposed by Cllr. B Keller  
seconded by Cllr. Ashdown  
all in favour.**

**F10. Gazprom**

The outstanding statement from Gazprom from 2019 to 2022 is £641.22.

This was item F10 on the previous minute, the invoices were emailed to the Finance Committee. It was agreed to settle the account.

Proposed by Cllr. S Keller, seconded by Cllr. B Keller, all in favour.

**F11. To resolve that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public be excluded from the meeting on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted:**

**1. Progress at Monckton Avenue / trees/ volunteers**

Mark from The Conservation Volunteers is keen to set up a community development and recruit new volunteers. They have applied for funding to set up a roving volunteer group in North Lowestoft and they are happy to include Monckton if they are successful.

**2. Neeves's clearance / lease / huts**

It is too wet on the ground for the works to be started.

We have had a response regarding the huts from ESCC, they have asked all Parish Councils if they would like any and are awaiting replies as ideally, they would like to divide them evenly.

**3. Water Sports Windows**

Revised quote received for the use of a cherry picker and some slight design changes; it was agreed to accept the quote at a cost of £5,781.00 + VAT.

**4. Parish Press**

The Parish press in proceeding, Cllr Falat to call the original printer for his thoughts on us keeping his design and to request a quote to print this time. It was discussed to get the two sides, North and South delivered separately.

It was agreed to include a survey in the next Parish Press as the last was done in 2018.

**5. Bus Shelter**

The approximate cost of a two bay bus shelter is £6,000.00, it was agreed to move to the Plumtrees side by the hedge on the grass, ESCC will need to install on behalf of Highways so the expected cost is around £15,000.00, there should be enough in the CIL reserves to have the bus shelter and the climbing wall at Bonds Meadow play area, and possibly a second priority of a climbing wall at Kesgrave.

**6. Progress Report on road resurfacing**

The works are due to start W/C the 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024. Clerk to inform the Yacht Club when the works will commence.

**To note date of next Finance Committee Meeting**, Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2024 5.30pm.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 18.21pm.

Singed by the Chairman ..... Date.....  
OBPC Finance Committee