



# MINUTES

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**Committee:** Finance and Policy Committee  
**Date:** Tuesday 16 March 2021  
**Time:** 7.15pm  
**Venue:** Virtual meeting via Zoom

## Present

Cllr Jan Evans (Chairman)  
Cllr Mike Warner  
Cllr Vivienne Hodges  
Cllr Gordy Keep  
Cllr John Farrand-Rogers

## Also Present

Samantha Parkin (Clerk)

## 07/2021 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies of absence had been received.

## 08/2021 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS / REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

No declarations of interest were made. No requests for dispensations were received.

## 09/2021 MINUTES

It was proposed by Cllr Hodges, seconded by Cllr Farrand-Rogers and **resolved** to **accept** and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2021 as a correct record. .

## 10/2021 PHONE BOX

The Clerk had circulated a report prior to the meeting. Cllr Farrand-Rogers asked the committee who the owner was of the telephone box. The Chairman confirmed the Parish Council are the owners of the box; it was purchased for a £1 last year.

Cllr Hodges noted the Council had previously agreed that Wellmoor should have the use of the box for one year and suggested the Council support Wellmoor and allow them to have it for a further 3 years.

*Richard Foxwell joined the meeting at 19.25pm. It was proposed by Cllr Farrand-Rogers, seconded by Cllr Warner and **resolved to suspend standing orders.***

Richard Foxwell spoke in support of Wellmoor's request to renovate the phone box. He stated Wellmoor are very happy to take on the ongoing maintenance and improvement of the phone box. He noted Wellmoor had been given £750 in grants. Wellmoor have the interest, energy and enthusiasm to make the best of the phone box. In principle, it is agreed to work with the Council to reclaim the vat.

*It was proposed by Cllr Farrand-Rogers, seconded by Cllr Warner and **resolved to reinstate standing orders.***

It was proposed by Cllr Hodges, seconded by Cllr Warner to recommend to full Council to agree to pay for the repairs to the phone box to bring it up to a good standard and the Council will receive the £750 in grants from Wellmoor that they have received for the project. Wellmoor will arrange for vat invoices in the name of the Council to be submitted to the Council for payment. The cost to the Council will be in the region of £215.

An amendment to add 'that, as the owner of the freehold and appurtenance of the telephone box,' to the beginning of the original motion was proposed by Cllr Farrand-Rogers and seconded by Cllr Warner. The amendment was carried. The amended motion was then put to the vote and it was **resolved to recommend to full Council** that, as the owner of the freehold and appurtenance of the telephone box, to agree to pay for the repairs to the phone box to bring it up to a good standard and the Council will receive the £750 in grants from Wellmoor that they have received for the project. Wellmoor will arrange for vat invoices to be submitted to the Council for payment in the name of the Council. The cost to the Council will be in the region of £215.

## **11/2021 GRANT APPLICATIONS**

Cllr Evans gave an overview of the grant applications. A summary of the Grant Applications had been circulated prior to the meeting.

**Community Swimming Pool** – It was noted the Pool is well used by both the Community and visitors to the town. In 2019, there were over 6,000 swims recorded.

It was proposed by Cllr Farrand-Rogers, seconded by Cllr Keep and resolved to recommend the Council give them the full £250 asked for.

**South West Ambulance Charity** – the committee support this application.

It was proposed by Cllr Farrand-Rogers, seconded by Cllr Warner and resolved to recommend the Council give them the full £59 asked for.

**Greenhill Arts** – This application had been amended to account for the slow release from Govt. restrictions. The new amount requested is £350. Cllr Hodges thought the town needed something to look forward to and the Council should support the grant. Cllr Evans and Cllr Farrand-Rogers were concerned at the timing of the event because of Covid.

It was proposed by Cllr Hodges, seconded by Cllr Warner and resolved to recommend that the Council give them the full £350 asked for. Cllr Farrand-Rogers opposed the motion.

**Wellmoor** – The Council queried how many people are likely to be using the Greenhouse.

*It was proposed by Cllr Warner, seconded by Cllr Hodges and resolved to suspend standing orders.*

Richard Foxwell told the Council about the Wellmoor allotment and confirmed they have approximately 25 people using the allotment but the Green house would be open to all. The grant would be an investment for the future.

*It was proposed by Cllr Farrand-Rogers, seconded by Cllr Hodges and resolved to reinstate standing orders.*

It was proposed by Cllr Evans and seconded by Cllr Warner to recommend that the Council give them £350. An amendment to increase the figure to the full £530 was proposed by Cllr Farrand-Rogers and seconded by Cllr Warner. The amendment was carried. The amended motion was then put to the vote and it was **resolved to recommend** that the Council give them the full £530 asked for.

**Hospiscare** – The Council did not support this application as they felt the grant would not directly benefit the community of Moretonhampstead.

It was proposed by Cllr Hodges, seconded by Cllr Farrand-Rogers and **resolved to turn down** this application.

**Skate and Ride** – The Committee would like more information on the position of the Playing Fields Trust. Cllr Farrand-Rogers queried if signage is the best use of Council money.

It was proposed by Cllr Evans, seconded by Cllr Hodges and **resolved** with a vote of 3:2 to recommend that the Council give them £250 depending on what the Clerk finds out.

*Richard Foxwell left the meeting at 20.02pm.*

**Tennis Club** – The Committee would like more information on the blower-de-gritter; what is was and if they had obtained three quotes?

It was proposed by Cllr Farrand-Rogers, seconded by Cllr Keep and resolved to take no action.

#### **Recommendation to full Council:**

The committee recommends the award of the following grants:

Community Swimming Pool - £250.00

South West Ambulance Charity - £59.00

Greenhill Arts - £350.00

Wellmoor - £530.00

Skate and Ride - £250.00 (dependent on Clerk's findings)

Total awarded £1,439.00

## **12/2021 RESERVES**

The Clerk's report had been circulated with the Agenda.

It was proposed by Cllr Hodges, seconded by Cllr Warner and **resolved** to recommend to full Council to **accept the** Clerk's recommendation to increase the general reserves to £16,500 to cover 5 months expenses.

It was proposed by Cllr Hodges and seconded by Cllr Warner to recommend to full council to **accept** the Clerk's recommendation to keep £20,000 earmarked for the Pedestrian Scheme and also a Car Parking review. An amendment to ' earmark £20,000 for the pedestrian scheme and an additional

£5,000 for a car parking scheme' was proposed by Cllr Farrand-Rogers. This was not seconded and so the amendment failed.

The original motion stands and it was resolved as above.

Cllr Evans noted the Council still had £9,000 remaining from Teignbridge District Council's business support grant as mentioned in the Clerk's report and a possible project to support was the community swimming pool's renovations.

The Clerk had circulated a breakdown of the pool's renovations costs prior to the meeting and Cllr Warner felt the Council should support them.

It was proposed by Cllr Warner, seconded by Cllr Hodges and **resolved to recommend the Council give** the pool £7,500 of the Covid grant to support the pool to reopen.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm.

***TO DO ACTIONS:***

- Add all recommendations to the April full Council Agenda
- Clerk to investigate the Skate and Ride and Tennis Club's applications as above