



Downley Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Downley Parish Council Finance Committee held on

Wednesday 29th November 2023 at 09:00 am

Present: Councillors W Steneskog, P Brooks, K Chandarana, M Lazenby and W Monroe-West

In Attendance:

Officers: Giles Tandy (Clerk)

F23.34 Apologies for Absence

None

F23.35 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

There were none.

F23.36 Minutes

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting held on 18th October 2023 be received, approved, adopted and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

F23.37 Public Participation Session

There were no members of the public present.

F23.38 To consider the draft budget for 2024/2025

The Committee considered expenditure to date across all lines annualising these figures and allowing for inflation to project expenditure for 2024/2025. Accepting this the Committee considered the various projects scheduled for the year starting April 2024. It was recognised that the cost of major projects would need to be spread over several years through saving/borrowing or a combination of both.

Cllr Chandarana joined the meeting at 9:30 a.m. Bearing in mind the reserves held and balancing forecast expenditure including projects against potential income. The Committee were asked to consider where they wished to set the precept with a view to meeting in early January and finalising a budget to put forward to full council.

F23.39 To consider a request to site a wild garden at Faulkner Way

The clerk reported that he had hand delivered letters to 6 properties in Faulkner Way that are closest to the site of the proposed wild garden seeking the view of residents. To date there has been no response. The Committee agreed that any decision on this should be carried over to the next meeting and the fact that no response from residents had been forthcoming should not rule out the project.

F23.40 Date and place of next meeting

It was RESOLVED that the next meeting of the Finance will be held at the Downley Community Centre at 09:30 a.m. on Thursday 4th January 2024

F23.41 Closure of the meeting

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 09:41 a.m.

Chairman.....

Date.....

