Haslington Parish Council

Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 22nd November 2023 at Oakhanger Methodist Church

Attendance: Cllr Sam Green (Chair), Cllr Graham Sawyer, Cllr Yvonne Bushill

Apologies: None

Not in attendance: Cllr Martin Deakin, Cllr Steven Welch

Also in attendance: Clerk Wayne Salisbury

Public: None

Meeting started at 7:00 pm.

1. To elect a Finance Committee Chair for the ensuing year

RESOLVED: Councillor Sam Green be appointed as Chair of the Finance Committee for the ensuing year.

2. To elect a Finance Committee Vice-Chair for the ensuing year

RESOLVED: Councillor Graham Sawyer be appointed as Vice-Chair of the Finance Committee for the ensuing year.

3. To receive apologies for absence

No apologies were given.

4. Declarations of Interest

No interests declared.

5. Minutes of the previous meeting

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 4th April 2023 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair

6. Public Participation

No members of the public were in attendance.

7. 2023-24 Forecast Review

The committee reviewed the 2023-24 forecast information and observed the anticipated surplus. It was noted that additional spending and delivering on underspent budget lines before the end of March 2024 would reduce the anticipated surplus.

8. 2024-25 Budget Recommendation

RESOLVED: The committee recommends to the full council that the 2024-25 budget be set to incur Payments (expenditure) of £175,127.

9. 2024-25 Precept Request Recommendation

RESOLVED: The committee recommends to the full council that the 2024-25 precept request be £90,722. Due to the increased tax base, this would result in no change on the 2023-24 precept payment to the electorate.

10. 2024-25 Reserves Appropriation Recommendation

RESOLVED: The committee recommends that the additional income required to fulfil budgeted expenditure is appropriated from reserves. Anticipated appropriation based on forecasted other income to be £47,605.

Meeting ended at 9:11 pm.