

MINUTES
FINANCE & RESOURCES COMMITTEE
TUESDAY 12th December 2023

ATTENDANCE:

P	Councillor J. Burnage	P	Councillor J. Parker
P	Councillor J. Critchley(Chair)	-	Councillor J. Urquhart
P	Councillor I. Culley	P	Councillor S. Wilkinson
P	Councillor N. Gwynne		

In the Chair: Cllr. J. Critchley

Clerk: Judith Giles

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1. Apologies

None

2. Declarations of Interests

Cllr. N. Gwynne & Cllr. J. Burnage – Agenda item 8 – Romsey Festival Grant

3. Minutes

i) To receive the Finance & Resource Committee Meeting Minutes of 24th October 2023

PROPOSED: Councillor S. Wilkinson

SECONDED: Councillor J. Parker

CARRIED

ii) **Matters Arising**

Agenda item 12 – Lengthsman Vacancy – the Chief Officer reported progress has been made regarding the employment of a Lengthsman

4. Public Participation

None

5. Town Hall Income

Noted.

6. Finance Report 2023/24

Month 8 was noted with no concerns. The Chief Officer to confirm what utility costs are for under Environmental - Cost Code 130. Woodley Village Hall will have an Earmarked Reserve in 2024-25. Chief Officer to confirm Romsey Festival have not asked for grant of £1,000 in 2023-24 yet. The car park refurbishment costs added to the project list.

Cllr J. Parker asked about the current situation regarding sites for the speed limit reminder equipment. Cllr J. Critchley explained that a list of possible sites is now with HCC, through the Building Manager and waiting for approval. Cllr. J. Critchley to forward the list of sites to sent to HCC to Cllr. J. Parker.

7. BUDGET 2024-25 BUDGET UPDATE

The draft 2024-25 budget was an agenda item at Full Council held on 21st November 2023. It was agreed to delay approval until Full Council Meeting on 21st January 2024 when Band D property level should be known. Chief Officer to contact TVBC to ascertain if Band D figure will be available before the end of year.

Cllr. N. Gwynne & Cllr. J. Burnage left the room

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**8. ROMSEY FESTIVAL GRANT
RESOLUTION NO. 20/44**

It was **RESOLVED** to increase grant to Romsey Festival from £1,000 per annum to £2,000 per annum

PROPOSED: Cllr. J. Parker

SECONDED: Cllr. S. Wilkinson

CARRIED

9. ROMSEY TOWN COUNCIL/ROMSEY EXTRA MERGER

The Chief Officer reported the REPC VAT claim is still ongoing. The CCLA REPC bank account is in the process of been put in the name of Romsey Town Council.

It was agreed to keep TSB account open until VAT claim has been received.

Cllr. J. Parker suggested monies be distributed to Awbridge Parish Council before VAT claim is received.

Meeting Closed: 8.30p.m.