

# Bishop's Waltham Parish Council A Meeting of the Finance, Policy and Resources Committee will be held in the Ruby Room of The Jubilee Hall, Bishop's Waltham on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024 at 7pm

The meeting will be open to the public unless the Committee directs otherwise.

#### Agenda

All papers/reports are available from the Council offices (except where classified as confidential).

- 1. To receive and accept apologies for non-attendance.
- 2. To receive and accept declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests relating to items on this agenda.
- 3. To receive and accept any personal, pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests relating to items on this agenda.
- 4. Public Session for information only
- 5. To approve the minutes of the meeting of 6th August 2024
- 6. Actions arising from the minutes of the meeting of 6th August 2024 for information only
- 7. Report from Finance Manager for information only
- 8. Finance matters:
  - i) Payments Schedule to approve payments.
  - ii) Bank Account Reconciliations Month 4 to note the review by the Chairman
  - iii) Parish Council Balance Sheet to note current position
  - iv) Income and Expenditure Forecast to note current position
  - v) Ear Marked Reserves to note current position
- 9. Capital Control Report for information only
- 10. Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2023/2024 for consideration
- 11. Parish Council Budget Setting 2025/26 for consideration
- 12. Jubilee Hall Car Park Business Rates for ratification
- 13. Reinvestment of Funds Paper for ratification
- 14. Requests for future agenda items for information only
- 15. Date of next meeting 1st October 2024
- 16. Motion for confidential business:

The following motion will be moved on the completion of the above business:

That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the public and press be temporarily excluded, and they are instructed to withdraw in accordance with the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960.

- 17. Debtors' List for consideration
- 18. Well House for consideration
- 19. Staffing Matters for consideration



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- 20. Lond Acquisition Update for consideration
- 21. Land Transfers Updates for consideration
- 22. Draft Invitation to Tender for Priory Park Overflow Car Park Recommendation from the Halls and Grounds Committee for consideration
- 23. Priory Meadow Annual Wildflower Maintenance Cost Recommendation from the Halls and Grounds Committee for ratification
- 24. Quotations for Electrical Installation Condition Reports – Recommendation from the Halls and Grounds Committee for consideration
- 25. Quotations for Speedwatch Camera Replacement for consideration and approval

E McKenzie Clerk to the Committee 28th August 2024



# Bishop's Waltham Parish Council Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council Finance, Policy and Resources Committee held in the Ruby Room of the Jubilee Hall, Bishop's Waltham on Tuesday 6th August 2024 at 7pm.

Present:

Cllr Homer

Co-opted Member for the meeting

Cllr Jones Cllr Marsh Cllr Nicholson Cllr Williams

In attendance:

Mrs H Fisher

Finance Manager

Mrs E McKenzie

**Executive Officer** 

Members of the public:

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Cllr Nicholson opened the meeting and asked for nominations to elect a Chairman of the Committee.

FPR48/24

To elect a Chairman of the Committee

Nominated: Cllr Jones. No other nominations received.

Resolved: To elect Cllr Jones as Chairman of the Committee

Proposed: Cllr Marsh Seconded: Cllr Homer

Cllr Jones thanked the Committee members for their votes and accepted the role.

FPR49/24

To elect a Vice Chairman of the Committee

Nominated: Cllr Pavey. No other nominations received.

Resolved: To elect Cllr Pavey as Vice Chairman of the Committee

Proposed: Cllr Marsh Seconded: Cllr Jones

Cllr Pavey had agreed via messaging to accept the role which the Committee noted happily.

FPR50/24

To receive and accept apologies for non-attendance

Cllr Pavey – Family Commitments Cllr Stallard – Work Commitments

Resolved: To accept apologies for non-attendance and the co-option of Cllr Homer for the evening

Proposed: Cllr Marsh Seconded: Cllr Williams

All in favour

FPR51/24

To receive and accept declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests relating to items on

this agenda

Cllr Nicholson – agenda item 20 (FPR67/24)

FPR52/24

To receive and accept any personal, pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests relating to

items on this agenda

None.

FPR53/24

**Public Session** 

No members of the public present.

Cllr Marsh explained that a member of the public had raised concerns with her regarding the speed of traffic and safety of the pond viewing area alongside the B2177. It was noted that, at the request of the PC, a pedestrian crossing was being considered by HCC by the Sainsburys area of

the B2177. The campaign to lower the speed limit from 40mph to 30mph from Station Roundabout along the Corhampton Road was also highlighted. Issues to be passed to the Planning and Highways Committee to note.

#### FPR54/24

To approve the minutes from the meeting of the Finance, Policy and Resources Committee – 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2024

Resolved: to approve minutes of the Finance, Policy and Resources Committee – 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2024

Proposed: Clir Marsh Seconded: Clir Nicholson

All in favour who were present at the meeting of 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2024

#### FPR55/24

Actions arising from the meeting of the Finance, Policy and Resources Committee – 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2024 Noted.

Regular contact with St Peter's Church was noted and the first invoice for Churchyard maintenance had been received and paid.

Meetings to progress the Priory Park Clubhouse project were being scheduled by the Projects Manager.

#### FPR56/24

#### **Report from Finance Manager**

Noted.

Queries relating to the External Audit had been answered promptly.

The pension scheme approval process would be referred to full Parish Council for approval. The maturity value for the fund invested with Arbuthnot Latham had only just been received and therefore the request to reinvest such funds would also be referred to full Parish Council. The SDNP CIL funds for Bishop's Waltham had been checked and noted as accurate.

#### FPR57/24

#### Finance matters:

i) Payments Schedule

Resolved: to approve the payments tabled to a total amount of £197.904.54

Proposed: Cllr Nicholson Seconded: Cllr Jones

All in favour

#### ii) Bank Account Reconciliation Month 3

Resolved: to note the review of the Bank Account Reconciliations Month 3 by the Chairman.

Proposed: Cllr Williams Seconded: Cllr Jones All in favour

iii) Parish Council Balance Sheet

Resolved: to note the Parish Council Balance Sheet

Proposed: Cllr Marsh Seconded: Cllr Nicholson

All in favour

#### iv) Income and Expenditure Forecast

Resolved: to note the Income and Expenditure Forecast

Proposed: Cllr Williams Seconded: Cllr Jones All in favour

#### v) Ear Marked Reserves

Noted.

#### FPR58/24

#### **Capital Control Report**

Noted.

#### FPR59/24 Internal Audit Tender

The committee considered the tenders received for independence, competence, and scope before approving a preferred supplier for appointment.

Resolved: To recommend to Full Council the appointment of April Skies Accounting as the Internal Auditor for the Parish Council for the period 2024-2027

Proposed: Cllr Williams Seconded: Cllr Nicholson

All in favour ACTION: Executive Officer

#### FPR60/24 Training Budget 2024-5

The costs already accrued were noted and considered necessary and appropriate for staff and councillor training. These requirements would be further discussed at the budget meetings in September to strategically plan ahead and budget accordingly.

#### FPR61/24 Jubilee Half Solar Project Update

The update from the Halls and Grounds Committee was noted.

#### Resolved:

- i) To approve the revised quotation for the solar panel project at the Jubilee Hall of £61,374.42, excluding VAT, and refer to Parish Council for ratification.
- To note that the Administration Officer had sought advice to ensure compliance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 and had received confirmation that no further action was required.

Proposed: Clir Nicholson Seconded: Clir Williams

All in favour ACTION: Executive Officer

# FPR62/24 Report from Meeting with the Meon Valley Bowling Club regarding Licence Renewal Noted.

Resolved: To note the meeting notes tabled and continue to work with the Meon Valley Bowls Club on a renewal of their licence.

Proposed: Cllr Marsh Seconded: Cllr Jones

All in favour.

**ACTION: Executive Officer / Halls & Grounds Committee** 

#### FPR63/24 Requests for future agenda items

Budget Setting Process Staffing Sub-Committee – salaries review Land Acquisition Update

#### FPR64/24 Date of next meeting – Tuesday 3rd September 2024

Noted.

#### FPR65/24 Motion for confidential business: The Chairman then moved:

That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the public and press be temporarily excluded, and they are instructed to withdraw in accordance with the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960.

#### FPR66/24 Debtors' List

Noted. The Finance Manager explained the list as all in hand.

Cllr Nicholson left the room.

#### FPR67/24 Mowing Licence

The application received was duly considered.

Resolved: To approve the licence for the mowing of West Hoe Meadow to JC Nicholson and Son at a cost of £100 per annum, plus administrative fee and VAT, for a period of three years.

Proposed: Cllr Marsh Seconded: Cllr Williams 4 in favour, 1 abstention

Cllr Nicholson rejoined the meeting.

#### FPR68/24 Well House

Cllr Jones provided an update on the property currently on the market for sale. It was felt that the value of the property needed to be reflected in any offers for purchase and due time would be needed to achieve this potential. The placement of an overage on the property was suggested. **Resolved:** 

- i) To refuse the initial offer of £200K but invite increased offers
- ii) To review the offers made in the September and October meetings before considering a change in pricing strategy

Proposed: Cllr Williams Seconded: Cllr Homer

All in favour.

#### FPR69/24 Staffing Matters

i) Staffing Review Invoice Query

Resolved: To accept the 20% discount offered by Hampshire Association of Local Councils

Proposed: Cllr Marsh Seconded: Cllr Jones All in favour

#### ii) Salaries Query

The totals provided as a summary of budgeted and actual costs were tabled. This was duly noted and the overall savings recognised. The Committee thanked the Finance Manager for her time and conscientious approach to this task.

#### FPR70/24 Quotations for Water Risk Assessments

The quotations were duly deliberated.

Resolved: To appoint Commercial Environmental Services Ltd to carry out Water Risk Assessments on all relevant Parish Council buildings at a price of £612.50 excluding VAT.

Proposed: Cllr Jones Seconded: Cllr Nicholson All in favour.

#### FPR71/24 Hedge Cuttings Quotations

The quotations tabled were considered.

Resolved: To appoint PJ & CM Froud to undertake the annual hedge cutting work at a price of £3,200.00 excluding VAT.

Proposed: Cllr Marsh Seconded: Cllr Williams All in favour.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 8:14pm.

#### Bishops Waitham Parish Council Finance, Policy and Resources Committee Actions Arising from the Committee Meeting 6.8.24

Minute Number	Subject	Action	Date for completion	Action by	Notes
FPR218/22	Standing Orders Review	To clarily process of declaring interests and dispensations	May-23	EO	Awalting new council year to ensure clear for all.
FPR256/22	Leases update	To check leases for third party claim guidance	Jul-23	EO/FM	
FPR274/22, FPR104/23, FPR179/23	Land Disposal Policy	i) To set up meeting of working group ii) To publish adopted policy	i) Complete ii) Feb 24	EO/MP/KJ	Meeting held. Agenda item Jan 24.
FPR096/23, FPR186/23	Cricket Club	To recommend to PC lease extension with further updates required by working group & reps	Superceded by newer actions. Monitoring only.	EO	PC 12.9.23 complete Meeting held 26.9.23 (JM,8N,RS with BWCC reps). Agenda Item Jan 24 and March 24
FPR135/23, FPR194/23	St Peter's Churchyard Funding	To write to PPC	Complete	EO	In regular contact, First invoice paid in July 24.
FPR161/23, FPR174/23		i) To confirm policies approved ii) To update policies as suggested iii) To liaise with H&S consultant	Dec-23	EO (RS)	In progress. Updates received from H&S consultant Jan 24 for future agenda Item.
FPR208/23	Land at Montague Road	To consult with local residents	Apr-24	EO/AO	In liaison with H&G
FPR240/23	Asset Register Review	To submit summary report	May-24	EJ/RS	
FPR241/23, FPR13/24	Cyber Security	i) To draft action plan to send to IT team ii) To draft Risk Assessment for FP&R	l) June 24 ll) Aug 24	RS / FM	Drafted May 24
FPR249/23	Well House	lv) To investigate property for New Homes v)To keep in mind 'Hot Desk hub' idea	iv) June 24 v) June 24	WG & EO	Change of EA made when contract ended 28,6.24
FPR249/23, FPR62/24	Bowls Club Lease	To monitor Bowls Club lease renewal	Jun-24	WG/AO/EO	Draft lease to be considered by FP&R. Agenda Item August 24.
FPR267/23	Two New Policies	To draff new policies on menopause and flexible working	Jul-24	WG (KJ/RS) /EO	Meeting due
FPR275/23	OH Assessments	To organise OH Assessments	Jul-24	EO	In progress. One completed and refered to SSC.
FPR16/24	Bodycam Procedure	Update	Aug-24	EO	
FPR39/24	Priory Park Clubhouse	Set regular WG meetings	Complete	PM	Refer to PM and H&G
FPR59/24	Internal Auditor	To refer appointment to PC	Complete	EO	PC meeting 13.8.24
FPR61/24	JH Solar Panel Project	To refer update to PC	Complete	EO	PC meeting 13.8.24



# Finance, Policy & Resources Committee

3.9.24

# Agenda Item - Report from Finance Manager - for information only

#### **Budget Setting 2025-26**

I have already begun the task of drafting budgets for each committee with a view to meeting the individual committee budget setting working groups over the next month. Each committee will finalise its draft budget to be brought to this committee and Parish Council in November.

#### Open Space Fund

The Open Space Fund of £19504.45 has now been received, which has been earmarked to fund the Albany Road Playpark and Montague Road Play Park projects.

#### **Pensions**

The issue with not being able to add new employees to the Hampshire Pension Scheme (HPS) has now been resolved. I have forwarded the resolution to allow all staff members to join the scheme to HPS, which has been accepted and they will process the new joiner.

#### **Basingwell Street Public Conveniences**

We received an invoice from Winchester City Council for the contribution to the costs of the Basingwell Street Public Conveniences for the 2023/2024 financial year. However, the invoice was double our normal contribution. This invoice was disputed, and it was agreed that no notice had been given regarding increased charges, and a new invoice was raised. The new invoice issued was still £1312.41 more than the agreed contribution, so I queried again. After investigation it was acknowledged that although they wished to increase the contribution, we had not been provided with any notice. Therefore, the invoice would be issued again at the agreed contribution rate. I was advised that a letter is being prepared to talk about the utility bills being charged from next year, plus the increase in cleaning bills, but that won't affect this Council as it is taking on the cleaning of the public conveniences internally.

Finance Manager 23.8.24



# Finance, Policy & Resources Committee

#### 3.9.24

# Agenda Item - Finance Matters - for consideration

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Finance Manager 27.8.24

i) Payments Schedule– to approve payments

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31/07/2024   30/08/2024   INV-15861   E500.00   E00.00   E50.00   4105   100   Deta Storage Jul 23   Vess   BT   20.0824   INV-15861   E6.734   E8.43   E5.55   4049   100   Deta Storage Jul 23   Vess   BT   20.0824   INV-15861   E5.55   E5.57   E6.73   E5.53   E5.57   E6.73   E5.57   E6.73   E5.57   E6.73	ORLD	07/08/2024	07/08/203	24 S13250739	£116.67	£23.33	£140.00	4327	290 Replacement goal parts		2 E8	20.08.24	
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1/07/2024   15/08/2024   1365/2024   136	D MGMT	31/07/2024	30/08/202	24 REC004020	£42.14	£8,43	£50.57	4049	100 Data Storage Jul 23	Yes	BT.		
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13/08/2024   13/08/2024   17/08/2024   17/08/2024   17/08/2024   15/		07/06/2024	07/06/202	24 305444865	£14.79	£2.96	£17.75	4025	100 Parcel return	Yes	BC	04.07.24	
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All invoices listed have been examined, verified and certified by the Finance Manager (RFO)

ii) Bank Account Reconciliations Month 4– to note the review by the Chairman.

H. FISHER

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# Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 22/07/2024 for Cashbook 2 - Barclays Saver 63966682

Bank Statement Account Name (s)	Statement Date	Page No	Balances
Barclays Active Saver A/c	22/07/2024		0.00
	•		0.00
Unpresented Payments (Minus)		Amount	
•		0.00	
			0.00
			0.00
Unpresented Receipts (Plus)			
		0.00	
	•		0.00
			0.00
	Balance per Cash B	ook is :-	0.00
	Differe	nce is :-	0.00

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# Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 18/07/2024 for Cashbook 3 - Barclays Premium 40378860

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Bank Statement Account Name (s)	Statement Date	Page No	Balances
Barclays Tracker A/c	18/07/2024		0.00
			0.00
Unpresented Payments (Minus)		Amount	
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		<u></u>	0.00
			0.00
Unpresented Receipts (Plus)			
		0.00	
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	Balance per Cas	h Book is :-	0.00
	Dit	ference is :-	0.00
Signatory 1:	A) 1		
Name BARRY NICHOLOW	.Signed	Date .2	7/08/20
Signatory 2:	•		
Name H. FISHER	an arming the state of the stat	Date	

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Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 31/07/2024 for Cashbook.6 - Petty Cash

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Bank Statement Account Name (s)	Statement Date	Page No	Balances
Petty Cash	31/07/2024		0,29
	•		0.29
Unpresented Payments (Minus)	•	Amount	
		0.00	
•	•		0.00
			0.29
Unpresented Receipts (Plus)			
•		0.00	
			0.00
			0.29
	Balance po	er Cash Book is :-	0.29
		Difference is :-	0.00
Signatory 1:	1. 1		
Name BARRY NICHOLLON	Signed	Date 2	7/08/202
Signatory 2:	·		
Name H. FISH ER			7/08/24

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# Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 31/07/2024 for Cashbook 9 - Barclaycard Commercial

	ement Date	Page No	Balances
card Commercial	30/06/2024		0.00
		_	0.00
ented Payments (Minus)		Amount	
		0.00	•
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ented Receipts (Plus)			
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	Balance per	r Cash Book is :-	0.00
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# Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 31/07/2024 for Cashbook 10 - A&L 3m Fixed Term Deposit A/c

Bank Statement Account Name (s)	Statement Date	Page No	Balances
A&L 3 m flxed term deposit	31/07/2024		422,356.42
	•	_	422,356.42
Unpresented Payments (Minus)		Amount	
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Unpresented Receipts (Plus)			
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			0.00
		_	422,356.42
	Balance po	er Cash Book is :-	422,356.42
		Difference is :-	0.00
Signatory 1:	MI		
Name BARRY NICHOLOW	Signed	Date	7 AUG 2024
Signatory 2:	<i>V</i> ,		
H. FISH CR	- ASE		27/08/24
Name	Signed	Date	Z1 1 00 1 0 .

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# Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 31/07/2024 for Cashbook 11 - Unity Current 20496238

Bank Statement Account Name (s)	Statement Date	Page No	Balances
Unity Current 20496238	31/07/2024	•	20,655.20
	•	-	20,655.20
Unpresented Payments (Minus)		Amount	
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			0.00
			20,655.20
Unpresented Receipts (Plus)			
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	Balance pe	er Cash Book is :-	20,655.20
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Signatory 1: Name BARRY NICHOLJON	Signed MA	Data 2	7 AUG 2024
Signatory 2:		Date	
Name H, FISH ER	.Signed #80	Date	27/08/24

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# Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 31/07/2024 for Cashbook 12 - Unity Savings 20496241

Bank Statement Account Name (s)	Statement Date	Page No	Balances
Unity Savings 20496241	31/07/2024	•	136,299.97
			136,299.97
Unpresented Payments (Minus)		Amount	
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			0.00
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Unpresented Receipts (Plus)			
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			136,299.97
	Balance pe	r Cash Book is :-	136,299.97
		Difference is :-	0.00
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Name BARRY NICHOWON	.Signed		7 AUG 2024
Signatory 2:	01		
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# Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 31/07/2024 for Cashbook 13 - Unity Savings 20496254

Bank Statement Account Name (s)	Statement Date	Page No	Balances
Unity Savings 20496254	31/07/2024	,	181,967.63
	•		181,967.63
Unpresented Payments (Minus)	_	Amount	
•	·	0.00	
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Unpresented Receipts (Plus)			
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			181,967.63
	Balance per	Cash Book is :-	181,967.63
		Difference is :-	0.00
Signatory 1:	M		
Name BARRY NICHOSON	Signed	Date 2	7 AUG 2024
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# iii)Parish Council Balance Sheet

- to note current position.

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### **Detailed Balance Sheet - Excluding Stock Movement**

#### Month 4 Date 31/07/2024

<u>A/c</u>	Description	Actual				
	Current Assets					
100	Debtors	338				
105	VAT Control Account	7,151				
219	A&L 3m Fixed Term Deposit A/c	422,356				
221	Unity Current 20496238	20,655				
222	Unity Savings 20496241	136,300				
223	Unity Savings 20496254	181,968				
250	Petty Cash	0				
	Total Current Assets		768,769			
	Current Liabilities					
500	Creditors	58,055				
565	Holding Deposits	3,128				
	Total Current Liabilities		61,183			
	Net Current Assets			707,585		
Total	Assets less Current Liabilities		_	707,585		
	Represented by :-					
300	Current Year Fund	19,721				
310	General Reserves	350,025				
315						
315	Montague Rd Play - S106/CIL	548 4 744				
330	Play Area Equip Maint - CYF Replace Tractor - CYF	4,744				
336	EV Chargers	33,500 11,000				
340	Replace Topper / Mower - CYF	11,000				
341	Replace IT Equipment	23,500				
350	Bidings Replace / Refurb - CYF	2,078				
355	Tennis Court Maintenance - CYF	85,000 46,000				
360	Replace Bus Shelters - CYF	16,000				
370	CCTV Hoe Rd - CYF	10,000 3,152				
373	South F'path -CIL/WCIL/S106					
374	Replace Skate Park - CIL/WCIL	(25,068) 15,676				
375	Floor Polisher - CYF	334				
376	Solar Panels JH - CIL/WCIL					
370 377	Extend Parking PP - CIL	40,563				
377 378	-	51,228 (14,415)				
379	Albany Road Play - S106/OSF Building Maintenance - CYF	(14,415)				
380	Name Sign JH - CYF	18,500				
	-	5,000				
390	Stackable Chairs JH - CYF	926 5.044				
393	WCC CIL Receipts 2021-22	5,011				
394	WCC CIL Receipts 2022-23	3,062				
395 206	WCC CIL Receipts 2023-24	42,889				
396	SDNP CIL Receipts 2021-22	481				
397	SDNP CIL Receipts 2022-23	2,471				
398	SDNP CIL Receipts 2023-24	1,660				
	Total Equity			707,585		
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iv) Income and Expenditure Forecast

– to note current position.

Income & Expenditure Report 2024-2025

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Total Capital Income Total Capital Expenditure Total Net Capital Expenditure	03 03 03	£344 £344	£0 £0	03 03	03 03	03 03	5063 9063	£0 £0 £0	£0 £0	03	03	£250 £250	£1,500 £1,500	£1,500 £1,500	03	Unbudgeted 0% 0%
Total Net Committee Expenditure	£32,759	£28,195 £	£22,530 £	£34,633	526,857	£29,034	£45,236	523,856	£29,919	£35,191	£23,843	£36,669	£368,722	£405,924	-£37,202	%6
Halis and Grounds Committee Total Income Total Expenditure Total Net Revenue Expenditure	£17,163 £8,287 -£8,876	£3,156 £15,841 £12,685	£7,957 £7,938 £13-	£9,280 £20,808 £11,528	£5,956 £13,641 £7,685	£7,618 £7,250 -£368	E9,153 E32,917 E23,764	£6,770 £13,050 £6,280	£6,621 £11,180 £4,559	£9,028 £15,493 £6,465	E6,620 E10,442 E3,822	26,130 £19,631 £13,501	£95,452 £176,478 £81,026	£89,788 £183,091 £93,303	£5,664 £6,613 £12,277	6% Hire increases & WCC Open Space Fund 4% 13%
Total Capital Income Total Capital Expenditure Total Net Capital Expenditure	£43,541 £43,541	£4,560 £	£74,966 £	E42,423 E42,423	£45,319 £20,716 -£24,603	£95,233 £95,233	£40,000 £27,894 -£12,106	03	3 03	£0 £111,000 £111,000	£49,000 £0 -£49,000	03 03 60	£134,319 £420,333 £286,014	£58,797 £242,448 £183,651 £	£75,522 £177,885 £102,363	128% Additional funding 73%, Additional expenditure unbudgeted 56%, As above
Total Net Committee Expenditure	£34,665	£17,245 £	£74,947 £53,951		-£16,918	£94,865 £	£11,658	56,280	£4,559 £	- 117,465	-£45,178	£13,501	£367,040	£276,954	580,083	33% As above
Community & Environment Committee Total Income Total Expenditure Total Net Revenue Expenditure	£1,000 £35 £365-	£5,504 £5,504	£610 £610	£0 £2,426 £2,426	03 5820 5820	000°13 000°13 03	£3,809 £3,809	03 03 13 03 13	£65 £65 £65	03	E0 E2,169 E2,169	£0 £1,433 £1,433	£1,000 £19,551 £18,551	£100 £23,395 £23,295	£900 -£3,844 -£4,744	900% Grant awarded 16% 20%
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Planning & Highways Committee Total Income Total Expenditure Total Net Revenue Expenditure	9 9	03 03 03	03	0663 03	£850 £850	03	£0 £450	03	03	03 03 60	03	£0 50 £0	£2,290	£0 £2,300 £2,300	£0 0.4.20 £10	Unbudgeted 9% 0%
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Total Net Committee Expenditure	-£600	£484	03	5990	5850	52,500	£1,700	03	60	£0	60	£250	£6,174	£3,800	£2,374	62% As above
Joint Managed Services Total Income Total Expenditure Total Net Revenue Expenditure	50 03	£0 50 50	03	£0 £0	60 60 60	£0 £0 £0	03 03 80	000'93 000'93	03	03	03	000'93	£12,000 £12,000	£12,000 £12,000	n 03	Unbudgeted 9% 0%
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Funding Total Income Total Expenditure Total Net Revenue Expenditure	£296,411 £0 -£296,411	£0 £0 £0	£0 £0 £0	03	£0 £0 £0	£296,411 £0 -£296,411	03	03 03 03	03	03	03	03	E592,822 E0 -E592,822	£592,822 £0 £592,822	n 03	%0 Unbudgeted %0

Total Capital Income	£661	£30,022	03	50	-£661	03	£331	60	60	03	50	E65,472	£95,825	£30,353	£65,472	216% CIL & S106 Receipts
Total Capital Expenditure	03	03	50	60	03	EO	60	03	60	60	50	50	£0	03	60	Unbudgeted
Total Net Capital Expenditure	-£661	-£30,022	50	50	£661	£0	-£331	60	60	0.3	£0	-E65,472	£95,825	-£30,353	-E65,472	216%
Total Net Committee Expenditure	-£297,072	-£297,072 -£30,022	50	03	£661	-£296,411	-£331	03	03	03	03	-£65,472	-£688,647	-£625,175	-£63,472	10%
Total Net Committee Expenditures												,				
Total Income	£318,212	£38,192	£12,278	£9,627	E56,224	£312,460	£50,795	£13,921	£10.412	£10.319	£62.911	£74.883	£970 234	6793 158	5177 076	22% As shows
Total Expenditure	£86,997	£59,599	£110,365 £101,627	£101,627	£68,624		£113,117	109,153	£44,955	£162,975	£43,745		£1,054,573		£162.117	18% As above
Total Net Revenue Expenditure	£231,215	£21,407	£98,087	£92,000	£12,400	-£169,012	£62,322	£37,686	£34,543	£152,656	-£19,166		£84,339		£14,959	15%
EMR Movements	£43,145	-£25,462	£74,437	£42,423	-£25,264	£95,233	£19,011	£0	60	£111,000	-649,000	£90.472	£157.029	862 663		
Total Income/Expenditure	-£274,360	£46,869	£23,650	£49,577	£37,664	-£264,245	£81,333	£37,686	£34,543	£41,656	£29,834	£83,103	£72,690	03		
Current Year Fund	£231,214	E231,214 £209,808 £111,721		£19,721	£7,321	£176,333	£114,011	£76,325	£41,782	£110,874	-£91,708	£84,339				CYF-TNE
General Reserves	£258,628	E258,628 £233,165 £307,602 £350,025	£307,602		£324,761	£419,994 £400,983	£400,983	£400,983	£400,983	£511,983	£462,983	£372,511				GR'S+EMR
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Total Reserves	919,079	897,672	799,585	707,585	695,185	864,197	801,875	764,189	729,646	576,990	596,156	603,525				Mth -/+ TNE

v) Ear Marked Reserves – to note current position

Ear Marked Reserves 2024-2025

Approved transfers PC321/23i PC329/23

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£472,382



# Bishop's Waltham Parish Council Finance, Policy & Resources Committee

3.9.24

Agenda Item - Capital Control Report - for information only

Capital Control Report 2024-2025 (Month 4).

Finance Manager 27.8.24

Bishop's Waltham Parish Council Capital Projects Control 2024-25 Budget Month 4

Unactioned Approvals £'s Comments		Monitors/headset/camera	П	EMR 376 Solar Panels EMR 373 Southern Footpath EMR 315 Montague Rd/378 Albany Rd EMR 377 Extend Parking PP	Replacement Bins (red)/Step Ladder/Ego Blower Kif EMR 373 EMR 330 EMR 340 EMR 374 EMR 376 EMR 355 EMR 351 EMR 351 EMR 357 EMR 377 EMR 377 EMR 379 EMR 379 EMR 379 EMR 379 EMR 379		11	
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Description	Income - Asset Disposals Total Gross Committee Income	Minor Assets Replace IT Equipment Total Gross Committee Expenditures	EMR Movements Total Net Committee Expenditures	Income - Asset Disposals WCC CIL Funding 2024-25 WCC S106 Funding 2024-25 WCC Open Space Fund WCC Rural England PF Total Gross Committee Income	Minor Assets Southern Footpath/Cycleway Replace Tractor Replace Tractor Replace Topper/Mower Floor Polisher PP Replace Skate Park Solar Panels On Roof (JH) Tennis Court Meintenance Upgrade Intruder Alam (JH) Costs - Purchase of Community Asset Replace Paving Stones EV Chargers Montague Rd Play Areas EXtend Parking (PP) Stackable Chairs (JH) Building Maintenance Albary Road Play Park Total Gross Committee Expenditures EMR Movements	Total Gross Committee Income	Minor Assets Total Gross Committee Expenditures EMR Movements Total Net Committee Expenditures	Grant - Stiles / Kissing Gates Total Gross Committee Income
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Committee	F,P&R Committee Income	Expenditure		H&G Committee Income	Expenditure	C & E Committee Income	Expenditure	P & H Committee Income

Expenditure 4350 4375 4403 4404	Minor Assets Speed Indicator Device Street Furniture Sities / Kissing Cates Total Gross Committee Expenditures	Oct/Mar Oct Oct	500 0 1,000 500 <b>2,000</b>	0 0 0 0 <b>0</b>	500 1,000 500 2,000	0 0 0 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4	2,500 0 0 2,500	Unspent from 23/24
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#### 3.9.24

### Agenda Item - AGAR 2023/2024 - for consideration

The review of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) for the year ended 31 March 2024 is now complete and the signed external auditors report and certificate was provided by BDO LLP on 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2024.

Action is now required to: -

- Prepare a "Notice of conclusion of audit" which details the rights of inspection, in line with the statutory requirements.
- Publish the Notice of conclusion along with the certified AGAR (sections 1, 2 and 3) before 30 September 2024 which must include publication on the smaller authority's website.
- Keep copies of the AGAR available for purchase by any person on payment of a reasonable sum.
- Ensure that sections 1, 2 and 3 of the published AGAR remain available for public access for a period of not less than 5 years from the date of publication.

Please note section 2 of the external auditor's report. Assurance has been provided to the external auditors that the inspection period of the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024, will be checked and confirmed before publication, to ensure proper provision for the exercise of public rights during 2024/25 and that full consideration would be given when appointing an internal auditor for the 2024/25 financial year.

#### Proposal:

To consider external auditors report for the 2023/24 financial year, and the other matters brought to the Councils attention.

Finance Manager 27/08/24

### Section 3 - External Auditor's Report and Certificate 2023/24

In respect of

Bishop's Waltham Parish Council

### 1 Respective responsibilities of the auditor and the authority

Our responsibility as auditors to complete a **limited assurance review** is set out by the National Audit Office (NAO). A limited assurance review is **not a full statutory audit**, it does not constitute an audit carried out in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK & Ireland) and hence it **does not** provide the same level of assurance that such an audit would. The UK Government has determined that a lower level of assurance than that provided by a full statutory audit is appropriate for those local public bodies with the lowest levels of spending.

Under a limited assurance review, the auditor is responsible for reviewing Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return in accordance with NAO Auditor Guidance Note 02 (AGN 02 as issued by the NAO on behalf of the Comptroller and Auditor General. AGN 02 is available from the NAO website — https://www.nao.org.uk/code-audit-practice/guidance-and-information-for-auditors/.

This authority is responsible for ensuring that its financial management is adequate and effective and that it has a sound system of internal control. The authority prepares an Annual Governance and Accountability Return in accordance with *Proper Practices* which:

- · summarises the accounting records for the year ended 31 March 2024; and
- · confirms and provides assurance on those matters that are relevant to our duties and responsibilities as external auditors.

## 2 External auditor's limited assurance opinion 2023/24

On the basis of our review of Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return, in our opinion the information in Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return is in accordance with Proper Practices and no other matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.
(continue on a separate sheet if required)

Other matters not affecting our opinion which we draw to the attention of the authority:

The smaller authority has confirmed that it has not complied with the governance assertions in Section 1, Box 4, but it has provided the appointed auditor with an adequate explanation for non-compliance and details of the actions necessary to address weaknesses identified. This is consistent with the internal auditor responses to internal control objective M in the annual internal audit report.

The council have provided minutes resolving to re-appoint the internal auditor, but the minutes do not indicate whether the independence of the internal auditor has been considered, which is not in line with best practice contained in the practitioners' guide.

(continue on a separate sheet if required)

#### 3 External auditor certificate 2023/24

We certify that we have completed our review of Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return, and discharged our responsibilities under the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Externa	l Auditor	Name
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External Auditor Signature	BDO LLP Date 20 August 2024// Date



# Finance, Policy & Resources Committee

#### 3.9.24

## Parish Council Budget Setting 2025/26

Timeline:

September 2024

Committees to set up working groups and arrange meetings.

October 2024

Draft proposals to Committees for consideration

November 2024

Committee proposals to F, P & R

December 2024

F, P & R final recommendations to Full PC if ready

January 2025

To Full PC for budget and precept agreement.

#### Proposals:

- 1. To advise the Committees of the timeline for budget setting.
- 2. All Salaries and their associated costs will be recommended to the F,P&R Committee by the Staffing Sub-Committee.
- Budgets to be considered on a 3-year basis, with no allowance for inflation in years 2 & 3.
  - NB: Capital budgets to reflect the Council's Forward Plan if appropriate.
- 4. To agree the working group for this Committee and to arrange date for the first meeting.



## Finance, Policy and Resources Committee

3.9.24

# **Agenda Item – Jubilee Hall Car Park Business Rates –** for ratification

I submitted a check and challenge case to the Valuation Office Agency regarding the Business Rates applied to the Jubilee Hall Car Park over a year ago. I received a response in August with a very detailed review of the challenge case and evidence provided and a proposed reduction to the rateable value from £18,250 to £10,750. As a rough guide, this would equate to an annual business rates charge of approximately £5,346.98, rather than £9,077.43, a saving of £373.04 per month! This revaluation will be effective from 1st April 2023, so will be backdated.

A decision to agree to accept the proposed reduction was required by 30<sup>th</sup> August 2024, therefore approval was sought from the Chairman of the Halls and Grounds Committee.

#### Proposal:

To ratify the decision to approve the agreement to accept the proposed reduction in the Jubilee Hall Car Park Rateable Value from £18,250 to £10,750 from 1st April 2023.

Finance Manager 22/08/24



## Finance, Policy and Resources Committee

3.9.24

## Agenda Item - Reinvestment of Funds - for ratification

At the Parish Council meeting held 13<sup>th</sup> August 2024, approval was given to reinvest funds held with Arbuthnot Latham for 3 months at 4.8%.

However, due to the reduction of the Bank of England base rate, Arbuthnot Latham reduced their 3 month rate to 4.5%.

Approval to proceed was given by the Finance, Policy and Resources Committee Chairman

#### Proposal:

To ratify the decision to reinvest funds of £427,466.35 with Arbuthnot Latham for 3 months at 4.5%.

Finance Manager 22/8/24