

Minutes of a Meeting of Comberbach Parish Council's Finance Committee held on Tuesday 10 October 2023

Present

Councillor Johnston (in the Chair)

Councillors:

Cameron

McDermott

DJ French (Clerk)

S Penwill (RFO)

The Meeting started at 4.00pm.

1. Apologies for absence

An apology for absence was received and approved from Councillor Ryder for family reasons.

2. To receive Members' Declarations of Interest

None

3. Minutes

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 8 August 2023 be approved as a correct record.

4. Quarter 2 Budget Review

The Committee considered the Quarter 2 budget review. The RFO reported that some of the year-to-date figures reflected the total for the year rather than for the quarter. The Council had now received some income from advertising in the newsletter but some advertisers no longer wished to advertise or were no longer trading.

The MUGA resurfacing appeared as an overspend against budget.

The pedestrian gates had been paid for this financial year whereas the budget had been included in 2022-23.

RESOLVED: That the Quarter 2 budget be received.

5. Zip Wire

The Chairman had produced a report comparing options for repair v replacement of the zip wire. The inspection in September had noted that 2 of the angle legs were showing decay. The report noted that there had been a number of repairs over

recent years and the rest of the Zip Wire was in good condition. The cost of 4 x replacement legs plus fittings was £1,484 excluding delivery and fitting. The Clerk and suggested if the Council arranged its own fitting, a safety check should be arranged for insurance purposes.

RESOLVED: that the Parish Council is recommended to approve the purchase of 4 x replacement legs for the Zip Wire from HAGS at a cost of £1,484 excluding delivery; to consider whether the legs should be delivered or collected and that a safety inspection is arranged after fitting.

6. Future projects and funding opportunities

The Committee considered possible future projects. Members agreed to seek advice on the lifespan of the Zip Wire when it was next inspected.

Councillors had attended a session with Cheshire Community Action regarding a Neighbourhood Plan and there was strong interest in investigating this further; there was funding available to support but there may be a need to include a budget for a Neighbourhood Plan in the future.

Members also noted the wooded area adjacent to the Hall and whether any initiatives could be implemented here.

RESOLVED: that the next meeting consider future projects.

9. Date of next meeting

RESOLVED: that the next meeting take place on Thursday 7 December at 1.30pm.

The Meeting closed at 4.45pm

Cllr Jill Johnston (in the Chair)