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Dear Councillor,

Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting of **Loggerheads Parish Council** to be held at **7:05pm on Monday 14 October 2024** at the Loggerheads Community Fire Station.

In Attendance
Chairman Lee
Cllr Roberts
Cllr Hodgkiss
Cllr Butterworh
Cllr Swan
Cllr Wellard
Cllr Swetman
Cllr Love
Cllr Fox
Cllr Sheard

MINUTES

1. To receive and consider apologies for absence
   Cllr Beales
2. To note declarations of Members' interests
   Cllr Wellard item 12
3. To approve and sign the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held on Monday 9 September 2024

   Cllr Swetman Cllr Wellard – Unanimous

4. Public Question Time
   A period of 15 minutes for Members of the Public to ask questions or submit comments.

   Item 12 Ref S137 grant for Knighton Village Hall bought forward as member of the public present to discuss.

   A member of the committee addressed the Council regarding clarification on the nature of the grant. The hall had suffered a collapse of the kitchen ceiling and upon further investigation it was apparent that it had collapsed through age. Quotes had been received for the remedial works. The quote was £3700 any the committee were looking for any help

towards that. The lack of the kitchen being in use was hindering the hire of the hall. No other grants had been applied for. Cllr Love asked if Cllr Sedgley (in his capacity as trustee) could keep the Council up to date with the grant application.

Cllr Beales had raised the queries in the previous meetings.
Clerk to compile a briefing note to confirm that the GPOC can be used to fund the grant.

5. To receive the Quotation from A Marsh for the gritting 2024/25 Proposal Cllr Swann, Seconded Cllr Sheard. Unanimous and the authorisation system of when to call the gritting team out would go to Full Council agenda

6. To discuss the Internal Audit provision and the previous contract. Proposed Cllr Fox and seconded Cllr Swetman to move the Council audit to Topliss Associates and give Lewis Anderson a months notice of termination as per the contract.

7. To receive the quotation from Sams machinery for replacement machinery. Prices below Cllr Swetman Seconded Cllr Roberts - Unanimous

   OREC HR662 Flail £3999 inc vat
   Simplicity SZT275 £6149 inc vat
   Part ex value £1000
   Totaling £9148 inc vat

8. To note the AGAR and external audit comments.
   Noted, the Clerk explained that the areas of improvement were underway.

9. To approve a budget for goal posts at Almington play area.
   Cllr Swetman proposed £750 Seconded by Cllr Roberts - unanimous

10. To approve the Financial Risk Assessment asked for by the External Auditor.
    Proposed Cllr Swann Seconded Cllr Love. Unanimous

11. To note the YTD figures and receive any budget request for YE 2026
    Cllr Lee had circulated the YTB figures, the reserves are healthy.
    Clerk waiting for details of the pay award.
    Clerk will circulate the precept calculator to ascertain the information on percent rise for each council tax band.

12. S137 Applications from :-
    Ashley Memorial Hall Youth Club of £300 – Proposed by Cllr Swetman and Seconded by Cllr Fox unanimous to donate £3000 Unanimous. To be ratified at Full Council

    Hookgate Nature Reserve of £311.33 - Proposed by Cllr Swann Seconded Cllr Fox Unanimous To be ratified at Full Council

    Knighton Village Hall £3000 – Proposed by Cllr Swetman and Seconded Cllr Roberts – Unanimous. Previously deferred from August meeting for clarification. To be ratified at Full Council

13. To authorise the list of outstanding payments from October
    Staffordshire Playfield £20
    Shropshire Union Canal £30

14. To note the bank reconciliation for September 2024 (available on the web site and previously circulated) – Noted.

Meeting closed 8pm