



PATELEY BRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL
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**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 24TH JANUARY
2024 AT 4.30PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER**

Present: Councillor Thompson (Chair), Councillor Brackley and Councillor Leggett

In attendance: Suzanne Smith, Town Clerk

2324/16 Apologies and reasons for absence.

Cllr. Holt – away.

2324/17 Councillors' Declarations of Interest and Consideration of Dispensations.

None

2324/18 Approval of Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on the 17th October 2023 are approved as a correct record. (Cllr. Leggett abstained as he had not been present at the meeting.)

2324/19 Bank reconciliation

Resolved: that the bank reconciliation as at the 31st December 2023 is received and noted as correct.

2324/20 Budget monitoring

Members considered a budget monitoring report to 31st December 2023.

Resolved: that the report is received and noted.

2324/21 Review of Rents

Members reviewed the allotment rent and garage rent. Members considered both to have good tenants.

Resolved: that a recommendation is made to Full Council that the rents are kept at the same level for 2024 but the tenants are warned that this will be the final year that they are frozen. Thereafter, they will most likely rise in line with inflation, although this will be subject to a further review nearer the time.

2324/22 Review of Mayoral Finances

- a) To consider what type of items relating to the Mayoral office are payable by the Mayor and which by the Council.**

Members felt that this matter should be discussed at a Full Council meeting when both the Mayor and past mayors are present. That way a more informed decision can be made. It was agreed to put it on the March agenda.

b) To consider whether the Mayoral stipend of £500 is sufficient.

Members felt that this matter should also be discussed at a Full Council meeting when both the Mayor and past mayors are present. It was agreed to put it on the March agenda.

Members felt that it might be helpful to try and find out how much Knaresborough and Boroughbridge give to their mayors, whilst recognising that these communities are much larger than Pateley Bridge.

c) To make a recommendation to full council – not applicable, see above.

2324/23 Internal Controls

Members carried out the internal controls for the period 01/10/2023 – 31/12/23, which were duly signed.

2324/24 Dates for next meeting

Resolved: that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday 16th January 2024.

Meeting ended at 5.37pm.

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