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**FERRING PARISH COUNCIL
FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
(Advisory Powers Only)**

**Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held at 7.30pm
on Monday 16th May 2022 at the Village Hall**

Present	Councillors	Lesley Young (Chairman)
		Peter Coe
		Roger Elkins
		Stephen Abbott
		Terry Jackson

1	Apologies for absence There were no apologies.	
2	Declarations of interest There were no declarations of interest.	
3	Public Question Time There were no questions.	
4	To confirm the Minutes of the last meeting held 4th April 2022 The Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 4 th April 2022 were approved by the Committee as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.	
5	Matters arising from the report of the last meeting held on 4th April 2022. There were no matters arising.	
6	Accounts and Finance The income and expenditure schedule for March 2022 were reviewed and will be recommended for Full Council approval. The above is recommended for Full Council approval.	
7	Parish Clerk Report including Financial Matters a. Parish Online Subscription – the Clerk advised that at Full Council 25 th April 2022 minute item 05-04-2022 f. Finance & General Purposes d. Parish Online License – The WSALC revised invoice for £90 annual fee was approved (Oct – Oct).	

	<p>However, WSALC has now advised parishes that WSALC was unable to recover the amount from subscribing parishes so the Board has decided to end the arrangement.</p> <p>Parish Online (geosphere) has now offered Parishes a discounted rate of 50% from 9th May 2022 for one year at £120 (inc VAT).</p> <p>The above will be an item for Full Council agenda to consider and approve to renew the license directly with Parish Online (geosphere) on the above basis.</p>	
<p>8</p>	<p>Environment Committee – Councillor Clare Royal</p> <p>a. Village Sign – repair to the village sign</p> <p>The Committee will be aware that the village sign was damaged in recent storms.</p> <p>The Environment Committee agreed that the parish office will obtain a quotation to repair the sign. The quotation has been received from an iron specialist at £770.</p> <p>However, the sign will also need to be reinstalled into the ground. The iron specialist works closely with a construction company who could assist with the reinstallation. They have provided a quotation to reinstall the sign at a cost of over £2000.</p> <p>The Committee acknowledged that whilst a specialist job, the quotation to reinstall the sign is incredibly high and that other options need to be explored.</p> <p>The Committee agreed the following :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Clerk to speak to the Council’s Insurance Company. 2. The Clerk to ask the Handyman if reinstalling the sign is within his capabilities. 3. The Clerk to enquire if ADC Parks can assist. <p>It was suggested that this is an opportunity to move the location of the village sign away from the trees.</p> <p>The Clerk will report back to Council for further consideration.</p> <p>b. Quotation to plant the two boats - maintenance of the village green boats</p> <p>The maintenance of the two boats on the village green was discussed at the recent Environment Committee Meeting. It was noted that the Scouts and Guides have been looking after the boats for several years and it was suggested that these could be planted and maintained by Ferring Nurseries.</p> <p>The Parish Office has discussed the proposed new arrangement with Ferring Nurseries who have agreed to take the extra work and will provide a quotation and the Scouts and Guides are content with this arrangement.</p> <p>The above will be an item for Full Council agenda to consider quotation and to approve the new arrangement.</p>	

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9	End of year Accounts – The Report has previously been circulated. The Parish Clerk presented the end of year accounts to the Committee Members with no further comments. Councillor Lesley Young thanked the Clerk for her work on the end of year accounts and noted the positive feedback received from the Internal Auditor relating to the Council’s accounts and ensuring website compliance with Local Government transparency Code 2015. The above will be recommended for Full Council approval.	
10	All about Ferring Magazine There is nothing to mention.	
11	Urgent matters arising, since the preparation of this Agenda & Items to be referred to next Agenda There was nothing to mention.	
	The meeting closed at 8.15pm.	
	Minutes approved Chairman Date	