

**Shavington-cum-Gresty Council**  
**Finance & Strategy Committee meeting**  
Main Road,  
Shavington, Crewe  
CW2 5DP



## **MINUTES of the meeting held on** **Wednesday 29 November 2023**

In attendance: B Gibbs, K Gibbs, S Jones

ScG FSC/23/03/1	<b>To receive apologies for absence<sup>1</sup></b>
	Apologies were received from Cllrs R Jones and Ferguson
ScG FSC/23/03/2	<b>To note declarations of Members' interests</b>
	Cllr B. Gibbs declared a personal interest in item 7 due to one of the received quotes being from a supplier he is presently utilising.
ScG FSC/23/03/3	<b>To confirm and sign the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 20 September 2023</b>
	<b>RESOLVED:</b> that the minutes of the previous meeting are approved and signed as an accurate record.
ScG FSC/23/03/4	<b>Public participation</b> <i>A period not exceeding 20 minutes for members of the public to ask questions or submit comments</i>
	No comment was raised.
ScG FSC/23/03/5	<b>To review the year-to-date expenditure for the Council as a whole and to consider Month-End reconciliation statements</b>
	Members <b>NOTED</b> the Parish Council YTD financial position.

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<sup>1</sup> Meeting started at 19:33hrs

	It was <b>NOTED</b> that the month-end reconciliations statements ending 30 September and 31 October 2023 were checked and signed by Cllrs S Jones and B Gibbs
<b>ScG FSC/23/03/6</b>	<b>To review the forecast position of the council at 31 March 2024 and to consider any necessary corrective actions</b>
	Councillors <b>NOTED</b> the update.  <b>RESOLVED:</b> that no corrective action is currently needed.
<b>ScG FSC/23/03/7</b>	<b>To review and assess quotations for legal services regarding the acquisition of the Western Ecological Mitigation Area.</b>  <b>To consider making a recommendation for Full Council to appoint one of the received quotes</b>
	Councillors <b>NOTED</b> the report.  It was <b>NOTED</b> that Cllr B Gibbs abstained from the vote.  <b>RESOLVED:</b> that a recommendation is made to full council to accept Quote 2 on the basis that the support provided in the negotiation process is stronger, the process is better described in the quote, and they provide more reassurance on the support given to the council in the negotiation of all aspect of s.106  <b>RESOLVED:</b> that the Clerk is instructed to negotiate the payment timeline, ensuring that any payment is scheduled for the upcoming financial year, with a dedicated budget allocation
<b>ScG FSC/23/03/8</b>	<b>To receive and consider the following Project Initiation Documents:</b>  <b>a. Corporate workwear (Cllr Randle)</b>
	Councillors <b>NOTED</b> the report.  <b>RESOLVED:</b> that the Staffing Committee is requested explore the introduction of a uniform policy, following that, the Finance & Strategy Committee will reconsider the project.
<b>ScG FSC/23/03/9</b>	<b>To receive an update on the Council Strategic review – first workshops and consider any implication in the Council budget setting process for the forthcoming financial year</b>
	The Clerk briefed Councillors on the item.  Councillors <b>NOTED</b> the update.

ScG FSC/23/03/10	<b>To receive DRAFT budget 2024/25 and to consider making a recommendation to Full Council</b>
	<p>Councillor <b>NOTED</b> the report.<sup>2</sup></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> that standing orders are suspended at 21;25 hrs to allow the meeting to continue.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> that the <b>DARFT</b> council budget v.8 (<b>attached</b>) is recommended to Full Council for consideration. Building on the previous year's action plan, an additional £40k is proposed based on the Council Strategy Review's objectives, divided as follows: £20k for the appointment of the Communication Officer and £20k for a rolling capital fund to commence strategy implementation.</p>
ScG FSC/23/03/11	<b>To receive and consider the following policy</b>  <b>a. Reserve Policy</b>
	<p>Councillors <b>NOTED</b> the report.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> that the following project is recommended to Full Council for approval:</p> <p><b>a. Reserve Policy</b></p>
ScG FSC/23/03/12	<b>To note the date of the next Finance &amp; Strategy Committee Meeting – 28 February 2024 7:30pm</b>
	<p>Councillors <b>NOTED</b> the date of the next Finance &amp; Strategy Committee Meeting.</p>

Meeting Closed at 2225 hrs

Chair: Cllr K Gibbs

Clerk: S Garnero

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<sup>2</sup> Cllr B Gibbs left hrs 21:06hrs and rejoined the meeting at 21:07hrs  
Cllr K Gibbs left the meeting at 21:36hrs and rejoined the meeting at 21:37hrs  
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