**Minutes of the Yardley Gobion Parish Council Finance and General Purposes Committee**

1. The Committee met in the Village Hall at 4pm Thursday 26th October 2023. Present were Councillors McCord, Stephenson, Curtis and Weston. The Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer, Lesley Ratcliffe was present.
2. Cllr McCord as Chair opened the meeting. The Minutes of the last meeting on 31st May 2023 were approved, Cllr Curtis as a Trustee declared a pecuniary interest in discussions concerning the Village Hall and Cllr Weston declared a non-pecuniary interest in discussions concerning the Recreation Centre.
3. The Chair thanked the Clerk for her work in putting together the information to inform the meeting.
4. The financial position of the Parish Council was considered, the expenditure and income statement with projected costs to the end of the financial year and the reserve balances noted.
5. A recent request from the YG Recreation & Sports Centre to consider financial help towards various events was considered. After discussion the committee decided to recommend to the PC that they use £400 of the £2,500 budget set aside as S137 contributions towards the Firework Display, and £100 towards the Children’s Christmas Party.
6. A recent request from The Old Mail to consider financial help towards the production was considered. After discussion the committee decided to recommend to the PC that they use £500 of the £2,500 budget set aside as a S137 contribution.
7. A recent request from Yardley Gobion Cubs and Beavers to consider financial help towards a trip to Brownsea Island was considered. After discussion the committee decided to recommend to the PC that they use £200 of the £2,500 budget set aside as a S137 contribution.
8. A recent request from Warks & Northants Air Ambulance to consider financial help towards the provision of the service was considered. After discussion the committee decided to recommend to the PC that they use £500 of the £2,500 budget set aside as a S137 contribution.
9. A wreath costing £28.98 from the £2,500 budget had been purchased from the British Legion for the Remembrance Day service.
10. The Parish Council had always supported Willen Hospice in the past as one of the local hospices, and after discussion the committee decided to recommend to the PC that they make a donation of £350 as a S137 contribution - using the remaining £71.02 of the £2,500 budget set aside and £278.98 from reserves.
11. Cllr Curtis took no part in discussions - A recent request from the Festival of Transport Committee to consider financial help towards the provision of the Festival was considered. Cllr Weston indicated that the Recreation Centre had discussed offering School Lane field to the organisers of the Festival of Transport, and covering the start-up costs.  All bar/food receipts would be retained by the Recreation Centre and any other receipts would be donated to the Village Hall to assist with the proposed refurbishment of the kitchen and toilets. The Clerk was asked to confirm this with the Recreation Centre, and encourage the Festival of Transport Committee to accept such an offer if it was made.
12. With regard to future commitments it was noted that £2,346 was due in September 2024 as part of the Football Foundation Grant, and the Clerk would advise the further commitments from 2025-2027.
13. With regard to the Play Area refurbishment, more information was required and it was confirmed that the maximum grant applied for could be £50,000 as £10,000 VAT payable by the PC would be due on that amount.

The meeting was closed at 5.45pm.