

## Minutes of Finance Committee Meeting

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January at 2.30pm

in the Parish Room

**To Councillors: Graham Lee (Chairman), Norton Mahy (Vice Chair), Chris Button, Ian Duffy, Vinny Hall, Martin Hoffman, David Sims, Joan Yates.**

Membership: All parish councillors.

Quorum: Three

Meetings: As required and at least annually in relation to budget setting.

Terms of Reference:

- 1) Advisory role to full Council on financial matters including review of contracts, quotations, prices, wages and budget setting.
- 2) Delegated powers may be granted by full Council for a specific purpose(s).
- 3) Reports to all councillors following meetings.
- 4) Minutes to full Council for approval and publication.

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## Minutes

- 1 **Apologies for absence were received from** Cllr David Sims, Martin Hoffman, Vinny Hall, Ian Duffy and Chris Button
- 2 **To note the minutes** of the previous committee meeting. It was noted these were approved at the November PC meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2024.
- 3 **To receive declarations of interest** from Councillors on items on the agenda (b) To receive written requests for dispensations for declarable interest and (c) To grant an requests for dispensation as appropriate. Where any declaration of interest involving the Chair, the meeting to agree an alternative individual to take the Chair for that item(s).
- 4 **To discuss and vote on quote** to remove the currently diseased box hedges at the cemetery and replace with potentially Yew, an evergreen species native to the UK and not susceptible to the same disease as has attacked the box hedge. It reacts well to pruning and is commonly used in English graveyards. Quotes, 1,2 & 3.

Councillors discussed the three quotes and resolved to accept Quote 1 which is to remove 4 box plants and adjacent group of shrubs, grub out roots as best as possible in order not to damage gravestones. To supply 4 clipped dome yew plants at approx. 900mm diameter, including supply of one tonne of topsoil, plus grass seed and making good.

Total cost £3115.

**Action: Deputy Clerk**

The meeting closed at 2.45pm

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*Sally Roberts – Clerk to Ashwell Parish Council*