Blue - completed or moved on and will be deleted after next meeting of relevant committee. Green = update. Grey background = confidential items. Violet = long term action. Red - priority

COUNCIL / COMMITTEE	MINUTE REF	MEETING DATE	SUBJECT	ACTION AGREED	WHO	DATE DONE	NOTES
F&GP	412.1	03-Nov-22	FSCS	Recommend to Full Council that an additional account be opened.	TE		Completed
F&GP	38.1	06-Jul-23	Draft Plan 2022-27	a)That public feedback had be shared with the working group. b)That all new members be shown the Plan 2022-27. c)That all members had been asked for their comments on the current draft.	Clerk		Completed
F&GP	38.2	06-Jul-23	Communications Policy	a)That the Clerk be instructed to create a survey on internal communication. b)That the survey be circulated to all members to complete. c)That the results of the survey be collated into a report.	Clerk		In Progress

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LINDFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

GRANTS AND DONATIONS MADE DURING THE PERIOD 01.04.23. - 31.03.24

te eed	Applicant	Purpose	Request	amount agreed	S.137 power	other powers	22/23	Comments
	17							
.23	Fairer World Lindfield	The grant would go towards a website that would establish a 'one-stop-shop' for the community when it comes to taking local action on climate change and biodiversity. The site will include tips and advice from local residents and community members in the form of a biog, information and a way to register for local events, and opportunities to support Fairer World Lindfield (for example by joining as a member or donating). Building Fairer World Lindfield's online presence will help to cement the group's role in the community and deliver local support and awareness for a greener, more biodiverse village.		£250.00				
ay-23 l	Lindfield Bonfire Society	To support the costs of medical care at the 2023 bonfire night display		£500.00			£500.00	
		We are seeking funding so that we can continue supporting people in your Parish of Lindfield who are living with sight loss. Our aim is to enable people to live life without limits; by providing access to specialist, individually tailored support, we help people to retain their independence and not become socially isolated after a sight loss diagnosis. Our specialist team offer everything from advice on eye health, emotional support, guidance on daily living aids, to assistance with accessible technology. Please see attached letter for more					£100.00	
		Contribution to operating costs of Helicopter Emergency Medical Service (HEMS). This brings the emergency room with doctors and paramedics to the scene of serious emergencies, to deliver life-saving care. This can include onscene surgical interventions, and other complex procedures. This is why the KSS fleet of helicopters and rapid-response vehicles is essential for transporting doctors, paramedics, and patients on a 24/7, 365 days a year basis.	£300.00				£300.00	
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 Total agreed to date
 £1,290.00
 £0.00

As at 25.10.23 Balance in hand **1,210.00**

Financial Reports - F&GP Item 8 & 9

RFO Summary

Income that was received in September 2023.

Barclays Business Current Account:

- £808.00 CTH Rent for September 2023.
- £370.00 Stallholder Fees Village Festival Night.
- Plus, regular automatic transfer facility transactions from Barclay's Business Premium account.

Nationwide Building Society:

£168.17 Nationwide Building Society Interest for September 2023.

Barclays Business Premium Account:

- £344.90 Interest Earned Gross for the period 5 June to 3 September 2023
- £108,000 Precept Payment
- Plus, regular automatic transfer facility transactions from Barclay's current account.

Non-Budgeted Expenditure September 2023

- £780.00 Smith of Derby Ltd Site Visit KEH Clock (£650.00 net of VAT).
- £960.00 Smith of Derby Ltd Service of KEH Clock (£800.00 net of VAT).

Earmarked Reserves Expenditure September 2023 (Net of VAT)

• There was no expenditure.

New Account Opening September 2023

- Unity Trust Current Account T1 £nil balance for September 2023
- Unity Trust Instant Access Savings Account £nil balance for September 2023

Overspent Budget Heading (15% or more of Agreed Budget)

There is currently one overspent budget heading:

• 4350 F&GP Fire Safety System 149.9% - due to expenditure on replacement emergency lighting, heat detector & smoke detectors.

23rd October 2023

Lindfield Parish Council Current Year

Detailed Income & Expenditure by Budget Heading 30/09/2023

		Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent	Transfer to/from EMR
100	Finance & General Purposes							
1076	Precept	216,000	216,000	0			100.0%	
1090	Interest Received	1,317	0	(1,317)			0.0%	
1120	Clock Tower House Rental	4,848	0	(4,848)			0.0%	
1125	CTH Service Charge	159	0	(159)			0.0%	
1210	Licence Fee	141	0	(141)			0.0%	
1230	Christmas Festival Night	370	0	(370)			0.0%	
	Finance & General Purposes :- Income	222,835	216,000	(6,835)			103.2%	
4000	Salary	33,354	84,500	51,146		51,146	39.5%	
4010	Tax & NI	2,511	7,200	4,689		4,689	34.9%	
4020	Pension	4,898	13,000	8,102		8,102	37.7%	
4110	Staff Expenses	0	200	200		200	0.0%	
4111	Payroll Administration	0	400	400		400	0.0%	
4120	Training	400	2,000	1,600		1,600	20.0%	
4140	Audit Fees	(81)	1,700	1,781		1,781	(4.8%)	
4160	Insurance	2,037	2,500	463		463	81.5%	
4170	Postage & Stationery	58	400	342		342	14.6%	
4175	Annual Memberships/Subscriptio	2,189	3,000	811		811	73.0%	
4180	Photocopying	870	2,300	1,430		1,430	37.8%	
4190	Telephone & Broadband	1,350	2,500	1,150		1,150	54.0%	
4200	IT & Website	4,137	4,500	363		363	91.9%	
4210	Office Equipment	0	500	500		500	0.0%	
4221	Lindfield Enterprise Park	630	700	70		70	90.0%	
4230	Grants Paid	1,290	2,500	1,210		1,210	51.6%	
4240	Room Hire	448	900	452		452	49.8%	
4250	Cleaning/Catering	1,316	2,700	1,384		1,384	48.7%	
4260	Newsletter & Annual Report	540	2,300	1,760		1,760	23.5%	
4265	F&GP Professional Fees	0	5,000	5,000		5,000	0.0%	
4270	Chairs Allowance	0	250	250		250	0.0%	
4271	Members Allowances	0	4,000	4,000		4,000	0.0%	
4280	Councillor Expenses	0	200	200		200	0.0%	
4292	Community Engagement	562	1,500	938		938	37.5%	
4295	Waste Collection	420	1,300	880		880	32.3%	
4310	PWLB Repayment	11,210	22,299	11,089		11,089	50.3%	
4320	Electricity Supply	1,883	3,100	1,217		1,217	60.7%	
4330	Water Supply	79	200	121		121	39.6%	
4340	Security Alarm System	0	500	500		500	0.0%	
4350	Fire Safety System	749	500	(249)		(249)	149.9%	
4360		9	200	191		191	4.3%	
4370	Publications	0	200	200		200	0.0%	

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Detailed Income & Expenditure by Budget Heading 30/09/2023

		Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent	Transfer to/from EMR
4380	Data Protection	0	300	300		300	0.0%	
4393	Maintenance/Improvements CTH	493	2,500	2,007		2,007	19.7%	
Finance 8	& General Purposes :- Indirect Expenditure	71,353	175,849	104,496	0	104,496	40.6%	0
	Net Income over Expenditure	151,482	40,151	(111,331)				
110	Environment & Amenities							
4450	Street Lighting Energy/Mainten	1,936	4,900	2,964		2,964	39.5%	
4460	Street Lighting Purchase	0	3,000	3,000		3,000	0.0%	
4465	Christmas Lights	4,710	18,000	13,290		13,290	26.2%	
4471	Maintenance/Gardening	(614)	2,000	2,614		2,614	(30.7%)	
4480	Christmas Festival Night & Com	0	1,500	1,500		1,500	0.0%	
4500	Digital Mapping	390	375	(15)		(15)	104.0%	
4510	Grass Cutting	0	2,000	2,000		2,000	0.0%	
4521	Wilderness Field S106	1,200	0	(1,200)		(1,200)	0.0%	1,200
4530	Village Orderly Equip/Expenses	359	1,000	641		641	35.9%	
4560	Denmans Lane Toilets Repair	90	5,000	4,910		4,910	1.8%	
4561	Denmans Lane Toilets Utilities	2,669	14,000	11,331		11,331	19.1%	
4650	Climate Change Projects	40	1,500	1,460		1,460	2.7%	
4750	Replacement Street Furniture	199	1,000	801		801	19.9%	
4800	Emergency Equipment	0	300	300		300	0.0%	
4825	Community Equipment	0	300	300		300	0.0%	
4900	Village Archives	0	100	100		100	0.0%	
Enviro	onment & Amenities :- Indirect Expenditure	10,979	54,975	43,996	0	43,996	20.0%	1,200
	Net Expenditure	(10,979)	(54,975)	(43,996)				
6000	plus Transfer from EMR	1,200						
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(9,779)						
120	Allotments							
1200	Allotment Income	1,135	0	(1,135)			0.0%	
	Allotments :- Income	1,135	0	(1,135)				0
4600	Allotment Expense	1,026	2,500	1,474		1,474	41.0%	
	Allotments :- Indirect Expenditure	1,026	2,500	1,474	0	1,474	41.0%	0
	Net Income over Expenditure	109	(2,500)	(2,609)				
130	Planning & Traffic							
4963	SID Maintenance & Replacement	0	1,000	1,000		1,000	0.0%	
	RTPI	0	7,000	7,000		7,000	0.0%	
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Detailed Income & Expenditure by Budget Heading 30/09/2023

		Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent	Transfer to/from EMF
4985 Impro	vements per Traffic Study	0	0	(0)		(0)	0.0%	4,044
Plann	ing & Traffic :- Indirect Expenditure	0	8,000	8,000	0	8,000	0.0%	4,04
	Net Expenditure	(0)	(8,000)	(8,000)				
6000	plus Transfer from EMR	4,044						
Mov	ement to/(from) Gen Reserve	4,044						
140 Non B	udgeted Expenditure							
4399 GR: K	EH Clock	1,535	0	(1,535)		(1,535)	0.0%	
Non Budgeted	Expenditure :- Indirect Expenditure	1,535	0	(1,535)	0	(1,535)		
	Net Expenditure	(1,535)	0	1,535				
	Grand Totals:- Income	223,970	216,000	(7,970)			103.7%	
	Expenditure	84,893	241,324	156,431	0	156,431	35.2%	
	Net Income over Expenditure	139,078	(25,324)	(164,402)				
	plus Transfer from EMR	5,244						
Mov	vement to/(from) Gen Reserve	144,322						

Lindfield Parish Council 2023-2024

Expenditure from Earmarked Reserves as at 30 September 2023

Account	Opening Balance	Expenditure	Closing Balance
EMR - Toilets on the Common	84,170.00	-	84,170.00
EMR - Wilderness Field S106 Maintenance	18,695.58	- 1,200.00	18,695.58
EMR - Council Elections	5,400.00	-	5,400.00
EMR - Traffic Improvement & Planning Support	4,500.00	- 4,044.26	4,500.00
	112,765.58	- 5,244.26	112,765.58

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Summary Income & Expenditure by Budget Heading 30/09/2023

		Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent
100 Finance & General Purposes	Income	222,835	216,000	(6,835)			103.2%
	Expenditure	71,353	175,849	104,496		104,496	40.6%
Net Income of	over Expenditure	151,482	40,151	(111,331)			
plus Tra	insfer from EMR	0					
Movement to/(from	m) Gen Reserve	151,482					
110 Environment & Amenities	Expenditure	10,979	54,975	43,996		43,996	20.0%
plus Tra	nsfer from EMR	1,200					
less ⁻	Transfer to EMR	0					
Movement to/(from	m) Gen Reserve	(9,779)					
120 Allotments	Income	1,135	0	(1,135)			0.0%
	Expenditure	1,026	2,500	1,474		1,474	41.0%
Movement to/(from	m) Gen Reserve	109					
130 Planning & Traffic	Expenditure	0	8,000	8,000		8,000	0.0%
plus Tra	nsfer from EMR	4,044					
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Bank - Cash and Investment Reconciliation as at 30 September 2023

			Account Description	Balance	
Bank Stateme	nt Balan	ices_		_	
	1	30/09/2023	Barclays Current Account	15,000.00	
	2	30/09/2023	Business Premium Account	207,113.49	
	3	30/09/2023	Nationwide Building Society	93,000.03	
	4	30/09/2023	Petty Cash	112.25	
	5	30/09/2023	Unity Trust Current Account	0.00	
	6	30/09/2023	Unity Trust Savings Account	0.00	
					315,225.77
Receipts not c	n Rank	Statement			
reccipis noi e				1/0.17	
	1	29/09/2023	Interest	168.17	
					168.17
Closing Balaı	nce				315,393.94
All Cash & Ba	nk Acco	unts			_
	1		Barclays Current Bank A/c		15,168.17
	2		Barclays Business Premium A/c		207,113.49
	3		Nationwide Building Society		93,000.03
	4		Petty Cash		112.25
	5		Unity Trust Current Account		0.00
	6		Unity Trust Savings Account		0.00
			Other Cash & Bank Balances		0.00
			Total Cash & Bank Balances		315,393.94
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Barclays Current Bank A/c

Payments made between 01/09/2023 and 30/09/2023

						Nomi	nal Ledg	er Analysis	6
Date	Payee Name	Reference	£ Total Amnt	£ Creditors	£ VAT	A/c (Centre_	£ Amount	Transaction Details
01/09/2023	Barclays Business Premium A/c	Automatic	564.59			210		564.59	From 20623318
05/09/2023	Open Spaces Society	ONLINE	45.00			4175	100	45.00	Open Spaces Society 1 Sep 2023
05/09/2023	B-9 Fire Protection Ltd	ONLINE	899.22		149.87	4350	100	749.35	Smoke/Heat Detectors&Lighting
05/09/2023	Ian Woodhams	ONLINE	22.00			4250	100	22.00	CTH Window cleaning 22.8.23
05/09/2023	Smith of Derby Limited	ONLINE	960.00		160.00	4399	140	800.00	King Edward Hall Clock Service
08/09/2023	Monitor Cleaning Services Ltd	ONLINE	483.28		80.55	4561	110	402.73	Cleaning Service Aug 2023
08/09/2023	Smith of Derby Limited	ONLINE	780.00		130.00	4399	140	650.00	King Edward Hall Clock: Fault
08/09/2023	Tisburys Cleaning Services	ONLINE	227.50			4250	100	227.50	Office/CTH Cleaning Aug 2023
11/09/2023	SWALEC	DD	284.78		13.56	4320	100	271.22	CTH Electricity Q2 23/24
11/09/2023	West Sussex County Council	ONLINE	8,202.97			4000	100	6,670.76	Salaries August 2023
						4010	100	502.14	NICs Aug 2023
						4020	100	979.67	Pen Contributions Aug 2023
						4530	110	50.40	VO Travel Expenses Aug 2023
13/09/2023	BNP Paribas Leasing Solutions	DD	311.99		52.00	4180	100	259.99	Photocopy Rental 13Sep-12Dec23
18/09/2023	Apogee Corporation Ltd	DD	72.00		12.00	4180	100	60.00	Printing Costs 7Jun- 7Sep2023
19/09/2023	Castle Water Limited	DD	66.36			4561	110	66.36	Water Supply Aug 2023
19/09/2023	Npower Commercial Gas Ltd	DD	210.81		10.04	4450	110	200.77	Electricity Supply Aug 2023
20/09/2023	Castle Water Limited	DD	13.12			4330	100	13.12	CTH Water Supply Aug 2023
20/09/2023	Castle Water Limited	DD	-0.70			4330	100	-0.70	CTH Water Supply Jul 2023
21/09/2023	British Gas Trading Ltd	DD	42.89		2.04	4561	110	40.85	Electricity Supply 7Aug-5Sep23
22/09/2023	King Edward Hall	ONLINE	212.40			4240	100	212.40	Comm Meetings Jul- Sep 2023
22/09/2023	King Edward Hall	ONLINE	9.50			4650	110	9.50	Room Hire 15 Sep 2023
22/09/2023	Moore	ONLINE	756.00		126.00	4140	100	630.00	External Audit 2022/23
22/09/2023	CommuniCorp	ONLINE	110.00			4175	100	110.00	Subscription Renewal Nov 2023
29/09/2023	SUEZ Recycling and Recovery	DD	100.74		16.79	4295	100	83.95	Waste Collection Aug 2023

Date: 23/10/2023

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Cashbook 1

Barclays Current Bank A/c

Payments made between 01/09/2023 and 30/09/2023

	Non	ninal Le	dger Analysis
-	Δ/c	Centre	f Amount Transaction

Date	Payee Name	Reference £ T	otal Amnt	£ Creditors	£ VAT	A/c Centre	£ Amount Transaction Details
29/09/2023	3 Victim Support (Sussex)	ONLINE	100.00			4230 100	100.00 S137 Victim Support (Sussex)
29/09/2023	3 4Sight Vision Support	ONLINE	440.00			4230 100	440.00 S137 4Sight Vision Support

Total Payments: 14,914.45 0.00 752.85 14,161.60

Item: 12

Committee Meeting: Finance & General Purposes

Report of: Parish Clerk
Meeting Date: 27 October 2023
Subject: Members Allowance

Purpose of Report:

1. To consider financial matters relating to member's allowances.

Summary:

2. Members are asked to consider authorising a potential overspend on member allowances.

Recommendation(s):

Members are recommended to:

- a) Authorise the potential overspend from the general reserve.
- b) Agree that the Clerk ask members whether they will be claiming their allowance for 2023/24.
- c) Agree that the Clerk be instructed to ask members, for budgeting reasons, whether they intend to claim their full allowance in 2024/25.

Background:

- 3. Elected members are entitled to claim an annual allowance of up to £516. The Chair of Council is entitled to claim an annual enhanced allowance of up to £774. Co-opted members are not legally allowed to claim the allowance.⁽¹⁾
- 4. For the 2023/24 budget, a total of £4,000 was agreed for members allowances. Historically not all elected members have claimed and some members have been co-opted and therefore not eligible to claim. The current council is fully elected. Should all members claim their full allowance this year the budget heading will be overspent by £2,450.
- 5. Please note allowances are only paid through our payroll and depending on your circumstances income tax may be deducted at source. Any questions relating to personal tax implications are for members to discuss with HMRC.
- 6. For transparency, local authorities are legally obligated to publish a notice stating what allowances members have been paid. (2)

Legal Implications:

7. The Parish Council exercises the General Power of Competence, as confirmed at its meeting dated 17th May 2023.

Local Authorities (Members' Allowances)(England) (Amendments) Regulations 2004 (SI.2004/2596)

Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003: 31 (3)

Item: 13

Committee Meeting: Finance & General Purposes

Report of: Parish Clerk
Meeting Date: 27 October 2023

Subject: Lindfield Village Day – Sponsorship request for medical cover.

Purpose of Report:

1. To consider sponsoring Lindfield Village Day 2024.

Summary:

Members are asked to consider sponsoring the cost of the medical cover for Lindfield Village Day 2024.

Recommendation(s):

Members are recommended to:

- a) Agree to sponsor the cost of the medical cover (£300).
- b) Agree that the expenditure be made from the Community Engagement budget.

Background:

- 3. The Parish Council has been approached as to whether it wants to sponsor the cost of medical cover for Lindfield Village Day 2024. The Council sponsored the cost of the medical cover at Lindfield Village Day 2023. The 2023 expenditure was met by the Community Engagement budget.
- 4. Lindfield Village Day is one of the biggest events in the Lindfield Calendar. For reference, the Council has always supported the cost of the medical cover for Lindfield Bonfire Night

Legal Implications:

5. The Parish Council exercises the General Power of Competence, as confirmed at its meeting dated 17th May 2023.



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Contact:
Elaine Clarke, Community Facilities Officer,

Date: 26 October 2023

Andrew Funnell
Lindfield Parish Council
The Clock Tower House
Lindfield Enterprise Park
Lewes Road
Lindfield
RH16 2LH

Dear Andrew,

Release of S106

The Cabinet Grants Panel met on 16 October 2023 to consider applications for the Release of S106. The panel considered your application for funds toward the cost of the for the construction of a toilet block on Lindfield Common as detailed in your application submitted on 31 August 2023. I am pleased to inform you that the panel agreed to allocate a maximum of £ £249,785 toward this project.

The Release of S106 is made subject to the standard conditions outlined in the contract in the application form and the following special conditions:

- the project must be completed within 24 months of project funding being obtained
- submission of tender documentation to demonstrate value for money and details of the selected contractor
- a suitable lease agreement is drawn up between the Council and Lindfield Parish Council

Payments are made by bank transfer on receipt of evidence of expenditure and funds can be drawn down in staged payments if required. If you draw the funds down in stages, the final 10% of your award will be paid on completion of the project.

To make a claim please submit original invoices and we will reimburse you for costs incurred. Please include the following details when you make a claim - bank name, account name, account number, sort code and your organisation's VAT Registration no. (if applicable).

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you every success with your project.

Yours sincerely,

SA Blonfield

Sally Blomfield

Assistant Director, Planning & Sustainable Economy

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Item: 17

Committee Meeting: Finance & General Purposes

Report of: Parish Clerk
Meeting Date: 27 October 2023

Subject: Amendment to Standing Orders

Purpose of Report:

To amend the Council's Standing

Summary:

2. Members are to explicitly define the position of councillor's attendance at a committee of which they are not a member.

Recommendation(s):

Members are recommended to:

- a) Note the contents of the report
- b) Refer the matter to the Full Council for consideration.

Background:

3. At Full Council⁽¹⁾ the Council Chair advised that the position of councillor's attendance at a committee of which they are not a member would be considered further.

4. At an F&GP meeting⁽²⁾ the Clerk was asked by the Committee Chair whether a non-committee council member could participate in discussions. The Clerk provide the following guidance from the SLCC:

Any member not being a member of a committee may attend any meeting of the committee but their right to participate in the meeting will be equal to the public's right to do so and should be governed by Standing Orders. (3)

The following paragraphs of the Council's Standing Orders were then reported:

- 3(e) Members of the public may make representations, answer questions and give evidence at a meeting which they are entitled to attend in respect of the business on the agenda.
- 3(f) The period of time designated for public participation at a meeting in accordance with standing order 3(e) above shall not exceed fifteen minutes unless directed by the chairman of the meeting.
- 3(g) Subject to standing order 3(f) above, a member of the public may speak once only and shall not speak for more than three minutes.
- 25(d) The decision of the chairman of a meeting as to the application of standing orders at the meeting shall be final.

¹ Meeting dated 14th September 2023.

² Meeting dated 7th September 2023.

Society of Local Council Clerks - https://www.slcc.co.uk/effective-governance/#page-row-14

- 5. The Standing Orders were confirmed by the current council in May 2023. (4) LPC's Standing Orders are based on the template provided by The National Association of Local Councils.
- 6. The Clerk emailed the West Sussex Association of Local Councils to seek their advice on this matter. Mr Leggo (WSALC CEO), during a meeting with the Clerks, advised that the advice given at the meeting was accurate.
- 7. Members are reminded that is the Clerk's role to advise the Council on the legalities relating to the running of meetings and decision-making. When a Chair is unsure of the legality of an issue it is right they seek guidance. The Chair of the meeting is ultimately responsible for how the meeting is run.

Position of other local authorities

8. MSDC's constitution has the following relevant points:

A Member of the Council shall have the right to attend any Committee of the Council of which they are not a member, but they shall not vote thereat. (5)

The member shall (provided prior notice has been given to the Chairman) be enabled to speak on a matter of direct concern to them which relates to their ward but shall not speak on any other matter except by consent of the Chairman.⁽⁶⁾

A Member of the Council who has proposed a motion which has been referred to any Committee may attend the meeting at which it is proposed to consider the motion, and if they attend shall have an opportunity of explaining it.⁽⁷⁾

9. Following discussions between the Clerk and the Clerk of Cuckfield Parish Council regarding this matter CPC have added the following to their Standing Orders:

All council members may attend all committee and sub-committee meetings of the council. They cannot vote, but may speak at the discretion of the Chairman.

10. Note – a non-committee council member, even if permitted to take part in discussions, is not permitted by law to vote at that meeting.

Considerations

- 11. Consideration should be given to clarifying the Standing Orders. There appear to be multiple options available:
 - a) Do nothing this leaves the decision purely with the relevant Chair as to how they wish to manage the attendance of non-committee council members.
 - b) Restriction discussions at meetings to only members who have been appointed to the committee in question.
 - c) Allow members of working groups overseen by a committee of which they are not a member the opportunity to participate in discussion relating to the recommendations/findings of the working group.

(https://midsussex.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s16470/CONSTITUTION%20AUGUST%202023.pdf)

⁴ Annual Meeting of Council 17th May 2023

MSDC Constitution, page 70

ibid, page 70

⁷ Ibid, page 71

- d) Allow all members the opportunity to take part in discussions at committee meetings irrespective of whether they are a member of that committee.
- 12. Should members wish to amend the Standing Orders as per 8 C above then the following wording could be considered:

A Member of the Council shall have the right to attend any Committee of the Council of which they are not a member, but they shall not vote thereat.

The member shall (provided prior notice has been given to the relevant Chair) be enabled to speak on a matter of direct concern to them but shall not speak on any other matter except by consent of the Chairman.

LINDFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Mobile Phone Policy

This document of Lindfield Parish Council (LPC) serves to outline the policy on the use and storage of parish council-provided mobile phones.

Purpose

Mobile phones are an essential communication tool, allowing employees to communicate council business. This Policy describes the controls necessary to minimize information security and mobile telephone damage risks. Mobile phones may be viewed as an essential and convenient business tool, but their very portability makes them particularly vulnerable to physical damage or theft.

Scope

This Policy and the procedures herein affect all employees who are issued with a mobile phone by the Parish Council. Employees are also advised that in addition to the terms and conditions of mobile phone usage as reflected in this Policy, employees shall also have to adhere to any terms of their respective employment agreement which mandate or restrict any action in this regard. An employee using council-provided mobile phones is responsible for the security of that mobile phone, regardless of whether the mobile phone is used in the office, at one's place of residence, or in any other location such as a hotel, conference room or while travelling. This Policy contains certain guidelines and restrictions on the usage of mobile phones that are required to be strictly adhered to by all employees while using these mobile phones.

Use of Council Mobile Phones

- If the Parish Council provides you with a mobile phone to assist communications between staff, councillors, and other business-related contacts, it is solely for use for work-related matters and is not – other than in an emergency – to be used to make or receive personal calls or text messages.
- 2. For this reason, no personal data should be stored in the handset or SIM card, other than an emergency contact.
- 3. Similarly, your work mobile number should be given only to work-related contacts, not personal ones (other than an emergency contact).
- 4. Unless you are required to be available outside normal hours there is no obligation on you to make or respond to calls/texts outside your normal working time for the Council.
- 5. You must not use a handheld mobile phone to make or receive calls while you are driving. This includes points at which you are temporarily stationary. If caught by the police, you may be liable to a fixed penalty and potentially points on your licence. If the Parish Council becomes aware that you have been using a phone whilst driving whether or not you have been caught by the police you may be subject to disciplinary action (including, in serious cases, your dismissal)
- 6. If you have a hands-free / Bluetooth kit fitted to your vehicle, it is your decision as to whether you answer or make calls. The Council does not expect you to do so and you must judge whether the conditions are safe enough to use your hands-free equipment. If in doubt, do not use.

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- 7. If it appears that the use of your phone is excessive or there appear to nonwork calls, we may investigate matters. If it appears that there has been wilful misuse of the phone, then we may consider disciplinary action & recover any incurred unauthorised usage costs.
- 8. All council mobile phones will be pass number protected. The Parish Clerk will supply the pass number, with any amendments agreed. Employees must not share their pass numbers with anyone else.
- 9. At the end of your employment, the phone must be returned in good condition

Policy Approved:		
Review Date:		

VEHICLE USAGE & DRIVING AT WORK POLICY

1 Works Vehicle

LPC provides a works vehicle to be used by employees for business purposes only.

LPC will ensure that when choosing a works vehicle to be used on behalf of the council it is entirely suitable for the intended purpose and that utmost importance is placed on safety features.

The works vehicle is a Mercedes Benz Evito. It has an automatic transmission.

The vehicle is stored at Lindfield Enterprise Park when not in use or being charged.

LPC will ensure that all work vehicles are regularly inspected and strictly maintained using at least the manufacturer's recommended service schedules.

2 Authorised Driver

Only employees over the age of 25 who hold a full driving licence valid for driving in the UK may drive the vehicle with the knowledge of the Parish Clerk or Deputy Clerk.

Anyone wishing to use the vehicle must provide the Parish Clerk with a copy of their driving licence prior to driving the vehicle.

Employees must notify the Parish Clerk of any changes to their driving license details as soon as possible, this includes any penalty points and the reason for the penalty, or any health conditions that may affect their ability to drive. Failure to do so could invalidate any insurance cover, and may lead to disciplinary action for employees.

All employees will be required to present their driving documents every six months for inspection.

3 Works vehicle usage

The works vehicle is for use on LPC business only, NOT personal use. This means:

- a. Use by the Village Orderly to carry out their job roles, or any other tasks instructed by the Parish & Deputy Parish Clerk;
- b. Visits to conferences, meetings or training courses etc.

The works vehicle **MUST NOT** under any circumstances, be taken home prior to a journey.

The works vehicle **MUST be returned to Lindfield Enterprise Park** at the end of your journey and not taken home.

Each journey must be logged in the 'Journey log' kept in the vehicle. The log shall record the name of the driver, the date and the details and purpose of the journey.

If it appears that there has been wilful misuse of the vehicle, then we may consider disciplinary action & recover any incurred unauthorised usage costs.

4 Private vehicle usage

Employees and councillors may elect to use the works vehicle over the use of their own vehicle to undertake council duties. If the works vehicle is not available then they can choose to use their own vehicle and are entitled to claim travel allowance at 45p/mile (rates are subject to change) for each journey by completion of a Travelling allowance claim form.

Employees must ensure that any vehicle which is used on LPC business is adequately insured for personal business usage.

Any vehicle used should be fit for the purpose it is being used for and the same vehicle safety checks required for driving the works vehicle should also be carried out before employees and councillors drive their own vehicles for LPC business. Private vehicles should not be used for LPC business in an un-roadworthy condition. Vehicles may be subject to spot checks to ensure they are roadworthy.

Councillors and/or employees travelling for the same purpose should travel together in order to save costs.

5 Fuel

The vehicle is electrically powered.

Drivers of the vehicle are not expected to pay for charging themselves. Accounts will be set up and maintained for EV charging via the Connected Kerb app.

6 Vehicle Safety

Before driving the vehicle, each driver must complete a vehicle safety checklist & defect form which are kept in the vehicle. It is the driver's responsibility to ensure that the vehicle is roadworthy before every journey. The checklist must be dated and signed. Completed forms are kept in the LPC office.

A vehicle defect form must be completed as soon as a defect is found. The completed form must be handed to the Parish Clerk immediately. Verbal reporting of a defect without completing a defect form is not acceptable.

All reported defects will be dealt with promptly. If the works vehicle has a serious defect making it unsafe for drivers and/or members of the public it will be taken off the road immediately until a repair has been carried out.

Any damage to the works vehicle must be reported immediately.

Anyone using the vehicle must ensure that it is kept in good condition. This includes keeping it clean and ensuring the tyre pressures, lights, oil, water, etc are up to the required standard.

7 Driver Safety

LPC has provided a driver's handbook that includes road safety guidance and sets out individual driver responsibilities, in support of LPC's policies and procedures, e.g. what to do in the event of an incident.

All drivers must follow all procedures detailed in the driver handbook. All drivers must report all atwork crashes and collisions promptly having followed the procedure detailed in the driver handbook.

All drivers are required to report any road safety concerns that they have within a reasonable period of time

Seat belts must be worn at all times when fitted.

The Works vehicle has Bluetooth connectivity for mobile phones, and drivers may connect their mobile phones to the works vehicle 'smartphone display audio' facility prior to setting off on a journey, but must only use the phone through the audio facility when appropriate, and must try and keep calls brief.

8 Driver's Responsibilities

Anyone driving a vehicle on LPC business, whether it is the works vehicle or in their own vehicle have a responsibility to drive safely and make every effort to safeguard their own safety and that of others.

Drivers have a responsibility to ensure that they are fit to drive. Any driver who may be unfit to drive must inform their line manager or the Parish Clerk immediately. They must not drive. Drivers must comply with all road traffic laws. Any speeding fines and parking tickets will be the responsibility of the person driving the vehicle when the fine was incurred, and will not be paid for by LPC.

Never leave valuables or possessions on show in the vehicle. Keep valuable items out of view when it is parked or unattended.

Always lock all doors and windows when leaving the vehicle.

Do not leave the vehicle unattended with the engine running.

Smoking is not allowed in any vehicle used for LPC business.

All rubbish is to be removed from the vehicle at the end of the journey.

9 Journey Planning

Road journeys will only be carried out when they are really necessary.

LPC will ensure that necessary journeys are scheduled to a realistic timetable and are planned to take into account the essential need for adequate rest periods.

LPC will monitor weather conditions and will reschedule if conditions become too dangerous for the drivers.

10 Drink and Drugs, including medicines

LPC operates a zero-tolerance Drink and Drug Driving Policy.

All drivers must report any pending prosecutions and/or cautions immediately, regardless of whose vehicle they were driving at the time. Failure to do so will result in disciplinary action for employees, and any employee prosecuted for such offences will be subject to a serious disciplinary which may result in dismissal.

All employees are encouraged to report concerns about colleagues with regards to drink and drugs as soon as possible. This can be done anonymously if necessary.

Any driver who believes that they may be over the drunk driving limit must inform their line manager or the Parish Clerk. They must not drive. They may be given alternative duties if available or required to take annual leave. Should this become a regular occurrence disciplinary action may be taken. Any driver taking prescription or over-the-counter medicines must check that they are still fit to drive.

F&GP Item 19

Training 2023-2027

Date	Training Course	Provider	Cllr(s)	Staff
24 May 2023	Emergency First Aid at Work	MSVA		Clerk
8 June 2023	Councillors: Roles, Responsibilities &	Mulberry	A.Beecroft	
	Working Relationships			
14 June 2023	Policies, Powers & Duties	Mulberry	T.Webster *	
15 June 2023	Finance for Councillors	Mulberry	A.Beecroft	
29 June 2023	Introduction to Planning	Mulberry	S.Nisbett	
4 July 2023	Emergency First Aid at Work	MSVA		Deputy
				Clerk
25 July 2023	Face to Face - New Councillors Training	Mulberry	I.Burns	
	Day		S.Nisbett	
17 Nov 2023	Introduction to Political Astuteness	SLCC		Clerk
29 Jan 2024	Managing Local Council Elections	SLCC		Clerk
30 Jan 2024	How to use ChatGPT: Use AI to do	SLCC		Clerk
	Council Tasks Faster			

^{*}Attended Lindfield Rural Parish Councillor