

**MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE,
28th September 22 Held at Uppingham Town Hall, commencing at 6.45pm**

FGP092/22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Present: Sam Findlay (chair), David Ainslie, Lindsay Cooper, Christine Edwards, Mark Shaw
Town Clerk Sharon Coe were in attendance.

Apologies: Liz Clarke.

FGP093/22 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION

None

FGP094/22 AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK

None Present

**FGP095/22 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE ON
12th July 022**

Proposed Cllr Ainslie, Seconded Cllr Findlay– **Resolved unanimously.**

**FGP096/22 TO CONSIDER WHETHER UPPINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL WISHES TO OPT OUT OF THE SAAA
CENTRAL AUDITOR APPOINTMENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2022-23 – 2026-27 BEFORE ANY
RECOMMENDATIONS TO FULL COUNCIL.**

Cllr Findlay gave an overview of the situation in that all authorities require an external auditor. During the previous five years Uppingham Town Council had opted into the central procurement regime managed by the SAAA. The committee felt that it should stay within the framework and recommend this action to Full Council. Proposed by Cllr Findlay, seconded by Cllr Ainslie. **Resolved unanimously.**

**FGP097/22 TO CONSIDER THE FORMAL REPORT AND VALUATION ON THE BOWLS CLUB, FOOTBALL CLUB
HOUSE GROUND RENT AND THE RENT FOR THE USE OF TOD'S PIECE PITCH.**

The report was considered by the committee and a direction of travel was agreed. The Clerk was asked to do a further piece of work on some details that had emerged from this meeting. This will agenda'd at the next full council meeting for further discussion.

Proposed Cllr Findlay, seconded Cllr Ainslie. **Resolved unanimously.**

**FGP098/22 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE CURRENT POSITION WITH THE RIALTAS SOFTWARE
UPGRADE AND FUNCTIONALITY.**

The Clerk gave an overview of her work surrounding the migration of the cemetery records, and the migration to a cloud-based solution for the accounts package, which would allow her functionality at home following training on the new package. This would enable her to input the backlog of accounts information into the now fully integrated Rialtas system.

Resolution: - Councillors are fully aware of the extraordinary pressures faced by the Clerk due to a changing system and staffing issues which have led to the non-production of accounts. The Clerk and Councillors have a plan to resolve this by the middle of October. Proposed by Cllr Ainslie, seconded by Cllr Shaw. **Resolved unanimously.**

The chairman thanked everyone for their input and the meeting closed at 7.40pm

Signed Chair Of Finance & General Purposes Committee

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