

Part 1

AFC24001: **Welcome: Chair welcomed Councillors to the meeting.**

AFC24002: **Apologies/Attendance:**

- a. Present: Cllrs Chambers and Hawes.
- b. Apologies: Cllr Cunningham.

AFC24003: **Declarations of interests:** None received.

AFC24004: **Electors comments:**

- a. No members of the public present.

AFC24005: **Village Maintenance contract:**

- a. Councillors considered the financial implications with regards to the grass cutting contract and resolved what recommendations to make to the full council at the next meeting. Clerk to clarify arrangements for the playing fields hedge. It was confirmed that the hedge beside the beck on Carr Lane from the old police houses to the cross roads at Main Street is the responsibility of the landowners (residents) who have been maintaining it. The current contractors have confirmed they will not collect the grass on the village green as it would not be cost effective for the Parish Council due to disposal costs and labour. They have suggested doing 14 cuts up to the end of October then depending on the weather cut ad hoc (roughly 1/month) as the season is getting longer and this will allow the grass to look short and tidy as they currently do for other areas. Councillors resolved to recommend to councillors to default to the 11 cuts unless otherwise recommended by the Parish Council for any additional cuts. It was noted that the current contractors have done 13 cuts this year.

AFC24006: **Finance:**

- a. Evaluation of the end of year accounts and spend against the budget for the completed financial year done. Accounts noted and confirmed as correct.
- b. It was resolved to contact the grass cutting maintenance contractor to renegotiate quotation for 2025/26 due to the proposed increase.
- c. It was noted that the long-term agreement with Clear Councils insurance is for 3 years and fixed until October 2027.
- d. It was agreed not to include the speed control measures in the budget 2025/26.
- e. Funding of £500 for the Halt Heronby campaign to be carried over from 2024/25.
- f. Budget to be presented to councillors with recommended expenditure for 2025/26.

Meeting closed at 19.00

*Signed: Cllr T Chambers*

*8<sup>th</sup> January 2024.*