

**KIDDERMINSTER TOWN COUNCIL  
FINANCE AND OVERVIEW COMMITTEE**

**Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2023 at 6:00pm  
In the Council Chamber, Wyre Forest House**

**Present:** Councillors:  
Juliet Smith (Chair)  
Darren Chambers (Vice Chair)  
Helen Dyke  
David Ross  
Shazu Miah  
  
Mr L Jakeman, Chief Executive

**Absent:** Nil

F009/23-24 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillors:  
Fran Oborski MBE

F010/23-24 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Nil

F011/23-24 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Nil

F012/23-24 **MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2023 be approved as a true record and that they be signed by the Chair.

F013/23-24 **ACCOUNTS PAID**

Members received a report detailing income and expenditure from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023 and **RESOLVED:**

To approve payments totalling £,1,106,442.12 From 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023.

(TC/35/23-24)

F014/23-24 **ST GEORGES PADDLING POOL**

Members noted that the Council at its meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2022

**“RESOLVED** That the *(St George’s Park)* Paddling Pool be mothballed for a year and not dug up to give the community time to find external funding.” (Minute C.059(c)ii refers).

And

Considered a proposal from Cllr Ross:

(for the purpose of securing capital funding to bring the paddling pool at St Georges Park up to a suitable specification, in line with the condition report previously received)

- That the £10,000 allocated for the maintenance of the paddling pool be utilised to provide funds to engage a fundraising consultant to seek external funding.

And

- That in the absence of any grant becoming available before the end of the term of this Council that any decision on the future of the paddling pool is deferred for consideration by the new Town Council after elections in May 2024.

And

- To delegate to the Chief Executive the authority to engage a fundraising consultant.

F015/23-24 **BUDGET AND PRECEPT SETTING**

**a.** Members received and considered the budget estimated for FY 2023/24. (TC/36/22-23)

**b. RESOLVED:**

To recommend that the Full Town Council approves the summary budget option B for FY 2023/24.

*(Producing a precept of £1,020,998, with an anticipated General Reserve of £344,224)*