

**MINUTES OF THE RACING COMMITTEE MEETING
9th NOVEMBER 2022, 7.30PM AT THE MEMORIAL HALL**

Committee members in attendance: Cllr Snowden, Cllr Spence, Cllr Leeming, Cllr Cocker

01. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Cllr Snowden was unanimously voted to the Chair - proposed by Cllr Cocker, seconded by Cllr Leeming.

Cllr Leeming was unanimously voted to the Vice Chair - proposed by Cllr Snowden, seconded by Cllr Cocker.

02. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING TO BE APPROVED

Minutes of the previous meeting on 29th September 2021 were approved and signed. The Assistant Clerk outlined that some measures agreed at that meeting were subsequently overturned by the Finance Committee.

03. FINANCE UPDATE AND BUDGET PROPOSAL

The Committee discussed the budget and forecast for 2023-24 during which the Committee unanimously agreed the following

- That as the Racing Committee do have a precept they should retain budget responsibility for the Horse Track at the Old Cricket Field – it had previously been suggested that this should be moved to the BOSA Committee.
- **Action: Clerk to confirm** - The Committee would like the Racing Budget precept for 2023-24 should remain the same at £2800.00 for line 4177 Racing income and £2800.00 for line 4226 Winter Salting – Racing.
- **Action: Clerk to confirm** - Any remaining funds from the current year's precept should be put into Earmarked Reserves against future issues with the Horse Tracks at Fulke Walwyn Way and The Old Cricket Field.
- **Action: Clerk to confirm** - Going forward any excess income from the Racing Levy will be used by the Racing Committee to reduce levy costs in the following year.
- **Action: Asst.Clerk** to buy a copy of the Horses in Training book annually with a view to using figures from this to calculate the Racing Levy going forward.

04. RACING LEVY

The Chair led a discussion regarding the racing levy and letter following which The Committee unanimously agreed the following:

- To maintain the salt levy at £3 per horse.
- To keep the date for payment as 'due by 31st January'.
- To include Pre-Trainers in the levy request

The Committee also agreed the following **Actions**:

- **Cllr Snowden and Cllr Leeming** to update the salt levy list using horse numbers from the current Horses in Training book and reaching an estimate for Pre-Trainers. The updated list to provided to the Assistant Clerk by the end of November.
- **Asst Clerk** to send out the letters directly on receipt of the list.
- **Asst.Clerk** to amend the levy letter to better explain that the Parish Council also contribute to the additional winter salting costs with 40% of the cost being met by the Hall and Street Committee budget.

05. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

No items suggested for future agenda.

Meeting ended 8.05pm

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