



LAKES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Finance Meeting: 11th October 2021 held at Lakes PC Meeting Room at 10:30.

Minute #	
153 A	Present: Cllrs L Waterhouse (in the chair), B Hewitt, L Johnson, P Thompson
B	Apologies: Cllrs W Clark and P Wileman
C	Declarations of Interest/Dispensation: None Received
D	Interview for Handyman Role: Councillors asked various questions to which the applicant had favourable answers for. Applicant could start immediately and could store trolley. Resolved by Finance Committee to select Mr F for the job role for a 3 month self-employment basis with a review after that period, with a starting salary of £15 per hour for 10 hours a week.
E	White Platts End of Season Review: Cllr Hewitt commented on the challenging year the Contractor has faced with high footfall and shortage of staff. White Platts is a huge attraction and fundamentally important to local economy. Very important that Lakes Parish Council takes a full review of White Platts and that Lakes Parish Council makes sure that Contractor fulfils the contract. Significant that Lakes Parish Council and Contractor work in unison. Cllr Johnson reports that historically Lakes Parish Council has struggled to find contractors to take everything in house, and that having sub divisions will be an administrative burden on the Council. Cllr Waterhouse points out that some fields within the contract is subject to annual review and that contract should be looked at in a thorough manner and be discussed with Contractor. Finance Officer would like to see improved financial security and transparency, increase prices and cost absorption from contractor as we cover many overheads. Resolved to nominate Cllr B Hewitt and P Wileman to go through contract and Councillors encouraged to take part – please send suggestions to either Councillors or Clerk. Resolved to get Solicitor input on Contract for full review. Cllr Hewitt reminds all Councillors that they should not instruct any contractor to do any work. All works should be instructed via the Clerk.
	Meeting Ended 11:35