

MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON JANUARY 16TH 2013 IN CAPEL VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE ROOM

PRESENT: Mr Salter (Chairman), Mrs Schryver, Mrs Pearson, Mr McLachlan, Mr Dale and Mrs Coke (Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES: Mr Roche

2. MINUTES: The minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on November 21st 2012 were agreed as a correct record.

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None.

4. MATTERS ARISING: None

5. BUDGET MONITORING - to 31.12.12 (see attached sheet) showed a surplus of £3,169.34 of income over expenditure.

NatWest current A/C to 31.12.12 stands at £16,518.27

NS&I A/C to 31.10.2012 stands at £25,117.72

Income

Donations allowed - £300. 00 from BT Infinity towards BT Broadband at Capel Village Hall (being held by CPC).

Grants- £250.00 from Local Committee towards Jubilee Elm Trees

Easement sales – refers to monies reimbursed from the £6,000 allocated for costs in the Godwins easement agreement

Expenses

Parish Maintenance - is well over budget due to exceptional weather causing ditching work in Temple Lane, tree pruning at Capel allotments and further ongoing clearing of gullies.

Playground maintenance – Regular safety inspections of the play equipment and surfaces at Capel, The Beare Green and Coldharbour (including topping up with bark at Capel and Coldharbour) has incurred additional expense.

Consultancy fees- Refers to Davis Boswell's fees for the Europa Oil Inquiry

Expenses yet to be found for 2012/3

Jubilee Elm Trees: It was suggested that in order to reduce costs only 3 trees be purchased, one for each ward. This would reduce the cost to £465 (taking into account the £250 grant) – For agreement by full council.

6. DRAFT BUDGET 2013/14

(See attached sheet). The concurrent grant for 2012/13 had been cut by £1,277 by Mole Valley. The PC relies quite heavily on this grant for upkeep of the Burial Ground and playing fields. Burial Ground fee income will be reduced quite considerably in 2013/4 now that the PC managed Burial Ground is full for coffin burials and re burials are permitted in the Churchyard. Increasing the Precept by £2,400 would help to make up for this imbalance.

7. RECOMMENDATION TO FULL COUNCIL FOR 2013 / 2014 BUDGET

To set the Precept at £32,400 an increase of £2,400 with a concurrent grant of £5,109.00.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday May 8th 2013 in the Committee Room at Capel Village Hall at 8.00pm.