

**MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON 1st FEBRUARY 2012
IN CAPEL VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE ROOM**

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

1. APOLOGIES: Mrs Schryver

2. MINUTES: The minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 16th November 2011 were agreed as a correct record.

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None.

4. MATTERS ARISING

Cllr Pearson is seeking written acknowledgement from BGCA for £9,100 grant from PC for the Beare Green Hall refurbishment.

5. BUDGET MONITORING - to 31.12.11 showed a shortfall of £4,075 in income over expenditure.

The shortfall was attributed to (i) the £9,100 grant to the Beare Green Village Hall refurbishment fund; (ii) £1,500 to the Police Off-Road motor bikes and (iii) £800 in consultancy fees to Howard Cundey, recoverable on the sale of verge in Old Horsham Road, Beare Green.

The above had been paid for out of capital by the transfer of £9,000 from the NS&I a/c in July 2011

Balance in NatWest current a/c at 31.12.11 = £15,623

Balance in NS&I at 31.12.11 = £30,015

6. QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE ELM TREE PLANTING

King and Co, the Essex supplier of disease resistant Elms, has reduced delivery fees making the cost for supply and delivery of seven 7-9ft trees in 10 litre pots = **£630.00 inc VAT** (7X 10ltr Elms = £525.00 in VAT; Delivery for 7X trees = £105.00 inc VAT.)

This was a more acceptable figure than the original £1,494 quoted. The Clerk to follow up:

- 1) The cost and supply of unpainted (Rust Finish) Half Guard deer protection
- 2) The cost of the supplier planting the trees, bearing in mind the handling implications for the Council that would otherwise be involved.
- 3) The Clerk to check with Alice Holt Research Station on the likely disease free status of the Elms.

7. LOCALISM COST IMPLICATIONS

Cost implications for the PC cannot be assessed until more specific non-planning information available across the whole spectrum of localism. It was suggested that Trevor Leggo be asked to talk on the wider aspects of localism at the PC meeting in April. Also, that PC members try to attend the SCAPTC Conference on Localism on FRIDAY 20TH APRIL in East Grinstead.

8. GRANT APPLICATIONS

1) A new, updated Business Plan had been received from the Capel Youth Centre Team. Hard copies to be circulated to Councillors with a view to inviting Nick Ward (Treasurer and author of report) to present to a PC meeting). Financial support is being sought from the PC.

2) There had been a request from The Dorking and District Preservation Society for the PC to take out a Corporate Membership subscription with the Society. A £10 annual donation seemed reasonable – to be put to the Full Council

9. ANY FURTHER FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Leith Hill Action Group is looking to raise approx £50,000 to fight the Europa Oil Platform planning appeal. There is £4,000 left from the old fund which will cover costs until the end of March. Cllr Hazel Watson has promised £13,000 in April out of her member's fund allowance and private individuals in Coldharbour are being asked to contribute. A request was made that the Parish Council be asked to contribute. For discussion at the full council meeting

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 2ND May 2012 in the Committee Room at Capel Village Memorial Hall at 8.00PM