

CAPEL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON 11 JANUARY 2021 IN CAPEL PARISH HELD REMOTELY

Present: Mr Salter (Chairman), Mr Ball, Mrs Schryver, Mr McLachlan, Mrs Dale and the Clerk.

1. **Apologies:** None
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None
3. **Matters Arising:** None
4. **Questions from Members of the Public:** None
5. **Profit and Loss to 31 December 2021:**

31 December 2020	Reserve Account	£69,982.52
31 December 2020	Current Account	£19,357.56
11 January 2021	Current Account	£19,982.52

Mr Salter talked through the Budget Analysis spreadsheet. There were still several projects that needed to be supported before the end of the financial year, together with council running costs until the end of March 2021. Once the projects have been discussed, it will be necessary to determine how much will be needed to be transferred from the reserve account.

6. **Grant Application – Coldharbour Church:**

The Council has received the completed grant application form from Coldharbour Church requesting a donation of £750 to assist with the cost of replacing and re-siting the oil storage tank. The Councillors agreed that as Capel Church had benefitted from a donation toward work on the wall, the council should support this request. This will be put before the full Council at the next meeting for a decision.

7. **CCTV for Parish Hall perimeter:**

The committee discussed this topic. It had been brought before the council as a proposal of the Sports Club committee as a way of trying to reduce drug dealing in the car park. The Committee said that nothing had been reported from residents and CCTV would not have been considered if the Sports Club committee had not made the request. It was agreed to look for evidence of drug use behind the hall and decided the matter should be deferred until next financial year.

8. **Further Action Temple Lane, Capel:**

The Committee was updated on the current situation. There had been no agreement and the Council was still paying legal fees and the monthly cost of the barriers. The Committee decided that a deadline should be fixed, and if no contact had been agreed by that time, the easement offer should be withdrawn.

It was also decided to ascertain the cost of purchasing the barriers as this might be a more financially viable approach to the situation. The Clerk will ascertain the purchase price, and this will be discussed by the full Council at the next meeting.

*The cost of purchasing these barriers has been received, and the information circulated to Committee members.

9. Repairs to Equipment in all Playgrounds:

The Council had received the inspection report for all three playgrounds.

- The spares needed to comply with the Coldharbour report have been ordered and will be installed as soon as they are received.
- The carousel in the Capel playground was discussed. HAGS had given two options; to either replace or to re-site. Both options would cost almost the same. It was agreed that the Clerk should ask for assurance that a new carousel was purchased; the endurance could be guaranteed. The current equipment was installed in 2004.

*The Clerk has since received assurance from the suppliers that the equipment does have the same life expectancy.

- The swing set at Beare Green recreation ground is long past its life expectancy, and the inspector was unable to fully guarantee it was fit for purpose. The Clerk had met with Wicksteed Leisure and a price for a like-for-like replacement has been received. The Committee agreed that it must be replaced, and this will be put before the full Council at the next meeting for a decision.

10. Approve the Quote from Treeline:

Treeline have supplied a quote to fell dead and dying ash and elm trees on the south-west side of Long Barn, Horsham Road, Beare Green. As these trees were considered a danger and could damage cars and pedestrians if they fell, it was agreed to accept the quotation.

11. Transfer from Reserve Account

Having reviewed the projects above and taking into consideration the running cost of the Council for the next three months, it was agreed to ask the full Council to agree to transfer £30,000 from the reserve account into the current account.

12. Date and time of next meeting: Monday 10 May 2021 at 7:30pm.