

CAPEL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 02 JANUARY 2024 IN CAPEL PARISH HALL AFTER THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

Present: Mr Salter, Mr McLachlan, Mrs Dale, Mr Ball and the Clerk.

1. **Apologies:** Mrs Schryver
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None
3. **Matters Arising:** None
4. **Questions from Members of the Public:** None
5. **Profit and Loss to 31 December 2023:**

31 December 2023	NS&I Reserve Account	£353.31
31 December 2023	NatWest Reserve Account	£81,332.29
31 December 2023	NatWest Current Account	£1,266.47

Mr Salter addressed the meeting. There are three months left of this financial year. To date £120,000 has been spent, with £39,000 remaining. If the current monthly spend continues, the Parish Council should come in under budget.

The NatWest Reserve Account is yielding a high interest, and it was agreed that funds should be earmarked to start to pay off the Public Works Loan taken out to refurbish the Parish Hall.

6. **Update Trig Street Project:**

Information has been received from Mr Richard Tyson Davis regarding funding for this project. Currently grant applications have been made to the Gatwick Community Trust and Your Fund Surrey. Surrey County Councillor Helyn Clack has reiterated her wish to assist from her personal County Councillors' budget when the funding position becomes clearer. In total, the current funding requirement is close to £40,000.

It was confirmed that as the project is being sponsored and managed by Surrey County Council, all future costs of maintaining the surface of the bridleway will fall to SCC and not to Parish Councils. Mr Tyson Davis has agreed to attend the next Full Parish Council meeting and answer any further questions the Councillors might have.

7. **Grant Application – Beare Green Village Hall Sound System:**

An application for funding had been received from Beare Green Community Association to upgrade the sound system in the village hall. This was discussed and approved in principle by all Councillors at the Full Parish Council on 20 November 2023. Since the original application funding toward the project has been received from Surrey County Councillor Helyn Clack. The Parish Council is now asked to match fund and cover the shortfall. It was agreed that the Parish Council will pay the outstanding balance, plus the cost of fitting the system approving a grant of £2,000.

8. **Refurbishment of path leading from Capel Pond**

An estimate to upgrade and refurbish this path has been received at a cost of £5,750. Applications for grants have been made to both Surrey County Council and Mole Valley District Council. It is hoped some funding toward this project will be made available. In the meantime, the Committee has agreed to accept the estimate to allow the work to commence immediately.

9. Update on Employers NIC payment

Committee members were reminded that an error had occurred insomuch that Employers NIC payments have not been made to HMRC since the change in regulations for Local Government offices. The Full Council had been made aware of this, and it was agreed that until HMRC contacts either the Parish Council or the payroll provider for unpaid contributions, no payments will be made.

9. Date and time of next meeting:

Tuesday 07 May 2024 in Capel Parish Hall