

Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting
Held at Sundridge Village Hall on 16 January 2023, 7.30pm

Present: Councillors Banbrook, Evans and Maybury (Chair)
Apologies: Cllrs Allgood, Baker, Miller and Powell
In attendance: Amanda Barlow – Clerk and 0 members of the public

1. To receive apologies and reasons for absence.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Allgood, Baker and Powell

2. To receive declarations of personal, prejudicial and disclosable pecuniary interests on items on the agenda and updates to members' register of interests.

None

3. **A Public Open Session.** Members of the public will be welcome to address the Parish Council with any local concerns they have. Please note this item will be limited in time at the discretion of the Chairman.

None

4. To consider, and approve if appropriate, which agenda items are sufficiently confidential as to warrant exclusion of members of the press and public under the provisions of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

None.

5. To approve as a correct record the **Minutes** (enclosed) of the Finance Committee meeting held on 19 October 2022

Members resolved to agree the minutes of 19 October 2022.

6. **To take Matters arising** from the Minutes where these are not covered under the subject headings below

7.5 Utilities Aid – Cllr Maybury advised that he had spoken to the companies and it was agreed that further investigation needs to be carried out.

7. **Items for decision, discussion and/or allocation of resources if necessary.**

7.1 Review of 2022/23 budget as at 31 December 2022

Members noted the budget of 2022/23 and thanked the RFO for the update.

Members noted the higher utility bills principally due to the war in Ukraine and other factors as widely reported in the press. The Council had taken steps to mitigate the costs:

Village Hall:

- Service and cleaning of boiler
- Installation of NEST system
- Electrical survey has taken place
- Agreement to replace lighting with led lighting as required

Pavilion

- New boiler
- Looking at WiFi to enable a card system to be installed for payment of electricity
- Electrical survey has taken place

7.2 Agree the 2023/24 Budget for recommendation to Full Council

Members reviewed the budget and made some changes and agreed that this 2023/24 budget should be presented to agreement at the Full Council Meeting.

7.3 Agree the 2023/24 Precept for recommendation to Full Council

Members unanimously resolved to recommend to the Full Council the precept of £69,000.00

7.4 Bank Accounts

7.4.1 Review of bank accounts and names

The bank account names have been changed as previously agreed:

- Working Capital
- General Reserve
- Earmarked Reserve
- Stubbs wood Ring Fence

7.4.2 Agree to add an additional signatory, Cllr Fribbens

Members agreed recommend to the Full Council that Cllr Fribbens was added as a signatory on the bank account and to become a Member of the Finance & Personnel Committee.

8. Date of next meeting

It was agreed to have a meeting in April once the 22-23 Budget had been finalised.