

## CAPEL PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 9 JANUARY 2023 IN CAPEL PARISH HALL

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

1. **Apologies:** Mrs Dale
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None
3. **Matters Arising:** None
4. **Questions from Members of the Public:** None
5. **Profit and Loss to 31 December 2022:**

31 December 2022	Reserve Account	£50,536.90
31 December 2022	Current Account	£6,750.20
9 January 2023	Current Account	£10,351.00

Mr Salter addressed the meeting and outlined the spending for past nine months. The Committee discussed spending on the Legal budget, being reminded that the Parish Council had not expected to have to appoint legal representation at the planning application appeal for housing on the land South of Coles Lane. Suggestion was made that the Parish Council could seek legal representation on a no win, no fee basis. If the case is won, the fees would likely be increased.<sup>1</sup>

The forecast until the end of the financial year indicates that the account would be about 13% over budget by the end of March 2023.

It was recommended that the maintenance budget should be closely monitored. Safety is the always the main indicator for any works undertaken on parish land. Any future work until the end of the financial year must meet that criteria and have been fully scrutinized by independent professionals.

VAT for November and December 2022 totalling £3,447.80 had been applied for and received.

#### **Precept for 2023/2024**

The precept for 2023/24 had been proposed and agreed at the December Full Parish Council meeting. The Parish Council has requested a precept of £109,026. The application has been submitted to Mole Valley. The first payment will be received in April 2023.

#### **6. Transfer from Reserve to Current Account:**

The Finance Committee had previously recommended to the Full Parish Council that funds would need to be transferred from the Reserve Account early in 2023 and it was agreed that £20,000 should be transferred now. This was proposed by Mrs Schryver and seconded by Mr Salter who both signed the request.

7. **Date and time of next meeting:**  
Tuesday 09 May 2023 at 7:30pm.

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<sup>1</sup> The Chair of the Planning Committee indicated that any legal representation must be undertaken by a practice fully experienced with planning matters.