

CAPEL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 06 MAY 2025 IN CAPEL PARISH HALL

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

In Attendance: Mr Cox, and Mr Palmer

- 1. Apologies:** Mr Ransome and Mrs Dale
- 2. Declarations of Interest:** None
- 3. Matters Arising:** None
- 4. Questions from Members of the Public:** None
- 5. Profit and Loss to 30 April 2025:**

30 April 2025	NS&I Reserve Account	£617.02
30 April 2025	NatWest Reserve Account	£123,086.01
30 April 2025	NatWest Current Account	£39.19

Mr Salter addressed the meeting stating that the Parish Council ended the year 2024/24 with a 3% overspend. However, this was covered by income generated from the hire of the hall, allotment subscriptions and burial fees.

April showed an above average spend due to the cost of insurance and NALC and SALC subscriptions both of which are paid annually.

A CIL payment of £1,799.30 was received from Mole Valley at the beginning of May. The receipt of these funds covered the cost of the May PWLB payment allowing the Reserve Account to remain intact.

The Committee was made aware of 2 grant applications, due for discussion. If the development at Breakspear, Beare Green is approved, the Parish Council will receive a significant income and would be in a favourable position to support further Parish community projects.

6. Grant for Replacement Fencing, Temple Lane Allotments, Capel

A grant application toward the cost to repair and replace the remainder of the allotment fencing has been made. The total estimate for the repairs is £3,150. The Committee discussed the application and as the Allotment Society was trying to secure further funding from other sources, agreed to fund half the cost. A grant of £1,600 was agreed and this will be put before the Full Parish Council on the 19 May 2025 for their approval.

7. Grant for Garden of Remembrance, St John the Baptist Church, Capel

A grant application for funding toward establishing of a Garden of Remembrance in the grounds of the Church has been received. Councillors had been made aware of this project previously and now approval has been received from the Church Diocese for the work to be carried out, estimates have been obtained. The cost of the work is £38,979.22. Funding to the value of £28,000 has already been secured. The Councillors agreed a grant of £10,000 and this will be put before the Full Parish Council on the 19 May 2025 for their approval.

It was agreed that funds should continue to be earmarked for

- Public Works Loan repayment.

- Solar panels
- Solar Activated speed limit signs
- Trig Street project
- Upgrading Capel Children's playground
- Coldharbour Water tank refurbishment

The Committee agreed that the replacement trees and a new village sign should be actioned now, with funding taken from the Community Projects budget.

8. Date and time of next meeting:

Monday 01 September 2025 at Capel Parish Hall immediately after the Planning Committee meeting.