

## CAPEL PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 06 NOVEMBER 2023 IN CAPEL PARISH HALL

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

**In attendance:** Mr Cox and Mrs Watson

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

31 October 2023	NS&I Reserve Account	£353.31
31 October 2023	NatWest Reserve Account	£99,118.67
06 November 2023	NatWest Current Account	£695.39

Mr Salter addressed the meeting. There are five months left of this financial year and there is still 42% of the budget left. Income has been very limited. At the present time hall hire is the main source of extra funding. The printing costs budget has been overspent with advertising for the GACC meetings were attributed to this.

The Parish maintenance budget was looking healthy but upcoming winter weather might utilise this over the next couple of months.

The Committee was reminded that the precept would need to be discussed and agreed at the December meeting, to complete the 2024/2025 application form, which would need to be submitted in early January 2024.

#### 6. **Trig Street Project:**

This on-going project was discussed, and comment was made that this path was needed to safeguard pedestrians, cyclists and equestrians. Councillors asked if there was an update on how grant funding was progressing. It is essential that all external funding opportunities are explored and exhausted, and until that has happened the Parish Council will be unable to agree any outstanding balance funding. Councillors also mentioned that there would need to be an agreement regarding maintenance of the path.

#### 7. **Grant Application – Beare Green Pavilion:**

An application for funding had been received from Capel Football Club to assist with works undertaken at the pavilion. The Finance Committee were advised that the work included the resolution of the damp problems in the toilets that were a potential health risk. The pressure in the showers has been attended to and are now fully usable, improving the quality of the facility. It was imperative the work was done as the football club had received a warning from the league stating that if the showers were not sorted the club might be fined.

All works had been carried out at a total cost of £6,190.22 including VAT.

The Committee agreed that the work was necessary and funding to cover 50% of the nett cost totalling £2,580.00 should be granted.

This will be put before the Full Parish Council on 20 November 2023.

**8. Financial Support for Gatwick Area Conservation Campaign**

The Parish Council has always supported this campaign. This rural area is affected by flight take-off noise and pollution and increased traffic on rural roads and lanes. GACC have always kept the Parish Council informed with updates on what is happening at Gatwick Airport and had recently attended two meetings.

The Parish Council pays a yearly subscription of £10 for information and updates. As a result of recent proposals at Gatwick, Councillors recommended that the subscription this year should be increased to £500.00. All Committee members agreed.

**9. Date and time of next meeting:**

Tuesday 02 January 2024